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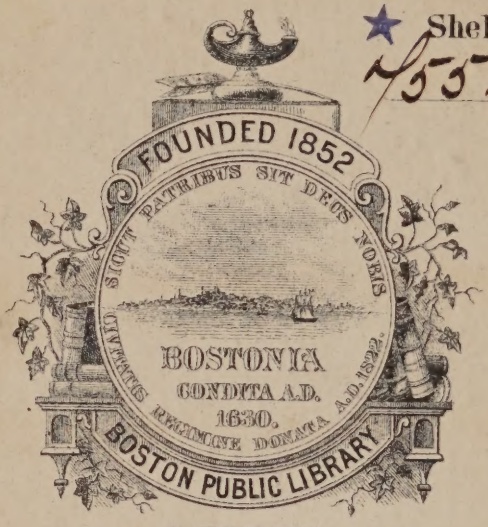

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CONFESSION OF FAITH.

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I. We believe there is but one God,[1] the Creator,[2] Preserver,[3] and Governor of the universe;[4] a Being self-existent,[5] independent,[6] and immutable;[7] infinite in wisdom, power, knowledge, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.[8]

[1] Deut. 6:4. Is. 42:8; 45:5. 1 Cor. 8:4. Eph. 4:6. — [2] Gen. 1:1. Ps. 33:6. Heb. 3:4. — [3] Neh. 9:6. Acts 17:28. — [4] Ex. 15:18. Ps. 103:19. Prov. 16:9, 33. Matt. 10:29, 30. Jer. 10:23. 1 Sam. 2:6, 7. Rev. 19:6. — [5] Ex. 3:14. Rev. 1:8. Ps. 90:2. — [6] Is. 46:10. Job 9:12. Rev. 4:11. Prov. 16:4. — [7] Ps. 102:27. Mal. 3:6. James 1:17. Job 23:13. — [8] Gen. 17:1. Mark 10:27. Job 34:21, 22. Heb. 4:13. Ps. 44:21. Acts 15:18. Ps. 139:1–12. Jer. 23:23, 24. Is. 57:15. Rom. 11:33; 16:27. 1 Sam. 6:20. Is. 6:3. Rev. 4:8; 15:4. Gen. 18:25. Rev. 16:7. Ex. 34:6. Ps. 145:8, 9. 1 John 4:8. Numb. 23:19. Deut. 7:9. Ps. 89:34; 111:7, 8. 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:16.

II. We believe that all Scripture, both of the Old and New Testament, was given by inspiration of God;[1] that it contains a complete and harmonious system of divine truth, and is a perfect rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.[2]

[1] 2 Tim. 3:10. 2 Pet. 1:21. 1 Cor. 2:13. — [2] Matt. 22:29. Is. 8:20. Gal. 1:8. Rev. 22:18, 19.

III. We believe that God is revealed in the Scriptures as the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;[1] and that these three are one God,[2] and in all divine attributes equal.[3]

[1] Matt. 28:19. 2 Cor. 13:14. 1 Pet. 1:2. 1 John 5:7 — [2] Rom. 3:29, 30. Jude 25. John 1:1; 10:30. Is. 9:6. John 20:28. Heb. 1:8. 1 John 5:20. Rom. 9:5. Acts. 5:3, 4. 2 Tim. 3:16; cf. 2 Pet. 1:21. — [3] Phil. 2:6. Rev. 1:8. Heb. 13:8. Matt. 18:20. John 21:17. Col. 1:16, 17. Acts. 10:42. John 5:23. Heb. 1:6. Rev. 5:13. Acts 7:59. John 3:5, cf. 1:13. Ps. 139:7. Job 33:4.

IV. We believe that God made all things for himself;[1] that known unto God are all his works from the beginning;[2]

that he governs all things after the counsel of his own will ;[3] and that the principles and administration of his government are perfectly holy, just, and good.[4]

[1] Prov. 16 : 4. Is. 43 : 6, 7. Rom. 11 : 36. Col. 1 : 16. — [2] Acts 15 : 18. Job 21 : 22; 31 : 4. Ps. 139 : 4; 147 : 5. Prov. 15 : 3. Col. 2 : 3. — [3] Eph. 1 : 11. Num. 23 : 19. Dan. 4 : 35. Ps. 33 : 11. Phil. 2 : 13. Acts 2 : 23; 4 : 27, 28. Is. 14 : 24, 27. — [4] Ps. 145 : 17. Deut. 32 : 4. Neh. 9 : 33. Ps. 25 : 8. Rom. 7 : 12. Matt. 22 : 37–40.

V. We believe that man was created holy ;[1] that he fell from his happy state by transgressing the divine command ;[2] and that in consequence of his apostasy from God, his heart, until renewed by divine grace, is without holiness, and alienated from God.[3]

[1] Gen. 1 : 26, 27; 5 : 1. Eccl. 7 : 29. Col. 3 : 10. — [2] Gen. 3 : 3, 6. Eccl. 7 : 29. — [3] Gen. 5 : 3; cf. Job 14 : 4; 15 : 14. John 3 : 6. Ps. 51 : 5; 58 : 3. Eph. 2 : 3. Rom. 5 : 12, 18, 19; 8 : 7, 8. Jer. 17 : 9. Gen. 6 : 5. Rom. 3 : 9–12. Eph. 2 : 1, 5. 2 Cor. 5 : 14. John 3 : 3, 6; 6 : 63. 1 Cor. 2 : 14. John 1 : 13. Tit. 3 : 5.

VI. We believe that the Son of God, by his sufferings and death, has made a proper and adequate atonement for all sin,[1] and that whosoever will heartily comply with the terms of the Gospel may be saved ;[2] yet such is the aversion of man to these terms, that without the special influences of the Spirit, all men refuse to comply with them.[3]

[1] Matt. 26 : 28. Rom. 8 : 32. 1 Pet. 1 : 18, 19. Heb. 9 : 22. John 2 : 1, 2; 1 : 7. 1 Pet. 2 : 24; 3 : 18. Rev. 5 : 9. Rom. 3 : 25, 26. — [2] John 3 : 15–17, 36. Rom. 3 : 24, 26. Acts 13 : 39; 16 : 31; 20 : 21; 10 : 43. Is. 55 : 7. John 7 : 37. Rev. 22 : 17. Mark 16 : 16. — [3] John 3 : 19; 5 : 38, 40. Luke 14 : 18. Tit. 3 : 5. Ps. 110 : 3.

VII. We believe that those who embrace the Gospel were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should become heirs to an inheritance in heaven ;[1] but that this inheritance will be conferred only upon such as repent of sin, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.[2]

[1] 2 Tim. 1 : 9. Eph. 2 : 10; 1 : 4–6, 9, 11. Rom. 8 : 29, 30; 11 : 5, 7. 1 Pet 1 : 2. 2 Thess. 2 : 13. Matt. 25 : 34. Mark 10 : 40; 13 : 27. — [2] Luke 13 : 3. Acts 3 : 19; 16 : 31. Heb. 10 : 29.

VIII. We believe that those who cordially embrace Christ, although they may be left to fall into sin, never will

be left finally to fall away and perish; but will be kept by the mighty power of God through faith unto salvation.

John 4:14; 6:37; 10:27-29; 17:24. Rom. 8:30-39. 2 Thess. 2:13, 14. Rom. 8:1. John 5:24. Phil. 1:6. Job 17:9; 2:19. 1 Pet. 1:4, 5. Ps. 37:23, 24. Eph. 4:30.

IX. We believe that God has set apart one day in seven[1] for the sanctification of his people and his own worship,[2] which is to be held sacred to him to the end of the world.[3]

[1] Gen. 2:3. Ex. 16:23-30; 20:8-11; 23:12; 34:21. Jer. 17:21, 22, 24, 27. Neh. 13:15-22.—[2] Ezek. 20:12, 20. Acts. 20:7; 13:27, 44; 15:21. Lev. 23:3. Is. 58:13. Luke 4:16. John 20:19, 26. Rev. 1:10. Is. 56:2, 4, 6, 7.—[3] Ex. 20:10. Matt. 5:17, 18. Mark 2:27, 28.

X. We believe that in this world the Lord Jesus Christ has a visible church;[1] in which the proper condition of membership is a public profession of faith in Christ,[2] sustained by credible evidence of that holiness which is the result of renewing grace in the heart.[3]

[1] Acts 7:38. Matt. 16:18. Eph. 4:11, 12. Acts 2:47; 20:28. 1 Cor. 1:2. Rev. 2:1, 7, 8, 11, 12.—[2] Acts 8:37. Matt. 10:32. Rom. 10:10. 2 Tim. 2:19. 1 Cor. 12:12, 13. 1 Tim. 6:12. 1 Cor. 11:24-26.—[3] John 14:23. Gal. 5:22-24. 1 John 5:1, 3, 4. Ps. 15:1-4. 1 John 2:5; 3:14; 4:7, 8, 12, 16. Eph. 2:10. Tit. 2:12, 14. 1 Pet. 1:22, 23. Rom. 8:9, 10, 13, 14. Eph. 5:27. Ps. 50:16.

XI. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances[1] appointed by Christ to be observed in the Church to the end of the world;[2] that none but members of the Church in regular standing have a right to partake of the Supper;[3] and that they and their households are proper subjects of Baptism.[4]

[1] Matt. 28:19. Luke 22:19, 20. 1 Cor. 11:23-25.—[2] Matt. 28:20. 1 Cor. 11:26. Rev. 2:25.—[3] Matt. 26:26-30. Acts 20:7. 1 Cor. 11:27, 28. 2 Thess. 3:6. Matt. 18:18.—[4] Acts 8:36, 37; 2:41. Gen. 17:9-14. Rom. 4:11, 16. Acts 2:39. Jer. 30:20. Luke 18:16. 1 Cor. 7:14. Acts 16:15, 33. 1 Cor. 1:16.

XII. Moreover, we believe that there will be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust,[1] and also a day of judgment, when all must stand before the Son of Man,[2] and receive a sentence of just and final retribution,

according to the deeds done in the body;[3] that the wicked will go into punishment, and the righteous unto life, both of which will be without end.[4]

[1] Job 19:26, 27. Ps. 17:15; 73:24. John 5:28, 29. Acts 24:15. 1 Cor. 15:21, 22, 52. Matt. 28:6; cf. 1 Cor. 15:12–14, 20. — [2] Matt. 25:31, 32. Acts 17:31. Rom. 14:10, 12. Jude 6. Eccl. 12:14. Matt. 12:36. Rev. 20:12, 13. — [3] Rom. 2:6–12, 16. 2 Cor. 5:10. Matt. 25:33, 34, 41; 13:41–43, 49, 50. — [4] Matt. 25:46. John 3:36. Dan. 12:2. Rev. 14:13. 1 Thess. 4:16, 17. Rev. 7:16, 17; cf. Matt. 26:24. Mark 3:29. Rev. 14:11. 2 Thess. 1:9. Luke 16:26. Rev. 22:11.

FORM OF ADMISSION.

[The candidates standing in the congregation.]

Beloved Friends, — You have presented yourselves before God and his people and the world to make a solemn profession of your religious faith, and to take upon you the bonds of the everlasting covenant. We trust that you have considered well the nature of this transaction, and feel prepared to give yourselves away a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Having examined and assented to the Articles of Faith adopted by this Church as a fair exposition of Scripture doctrine, you hereby openly profess the same before God and these witnesses by entering into the following

SACRED COVENANT.

You do now, under a soul-humbling sense of your utter unworthiness of so great and high a privilege as God is now graciously putting into your hands, own and accept of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for your God in covenant with us, and do accordingly give up yourselves and offspring, according to the terms of the everlasting covenant, to Him, to be His, under the most sacred and inviolable obligations; promising, by the help and strength of His grace, — without which we can do nothing, — that you will walk as becometh saints, according to the rules of God's Holy Word; submitting yourselves and offspring to the government of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Zion, and to the watch and discipline of this Church; conforming to its usage in the method of supporting the institutions and promoting the spread of the Gospel; managing yourselves towards God and man, all in civil and sacred authority, as becometh such as are under

the teaching of God's Holy Word and Spirit; alike declaring it to be your resolution that in all things wherein you may fall short of duty you will wait upon God for His pardoning mercy and grace, in and through our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

This you sacredly covenant and engage by bowing assent.

[The church will now please to rise.]

We, then, the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ in this place, do welcome you into our sacred fellowship, and promise that, by His assistance, we will treat you with such affection and watchfulness as your near relation to us now calls for. This we do, hoping that both you and we may obtain mercy to be faithful in this covenant, and glorify Him with the holiness which becomes His house forever. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

1. Do you read the Word of God daily?
2. Do you maintain daily secret prayer?
3. Do you walk with God all the day?
4. Do you keep the Sabbath holy, attend public worship, the preparatory lecture, and other meetings appointed by the church?
5. Do you abstain from all intoxicating drink as a beverage?
6. Are you honest in all your dealings with your fellowmen?
7. Do you pray daily that God would bless His truth to the conviction and conversion of sinners?
8. Are you doing conscientiously what you can by your pecuniary means to promote the kingdom of the Redeemer abroad, and bearing your proper proportion in the support of the Word and ordinances of the gospel at home?
9. Are you doing all in your power in the Sabbath school and other ways to save our youth?
10. Do you bridle your tongue?
11. Are you at peace with all who love Christ?
12. Do you confess your faults one to another?
13. Are you as tender of the reputation of a brother as of your own?
14. Do you exercise Christian tenderness and charity for the brethren?
15. Do you avoid worldly amusements, and all places where you cannot ask God's blessing to go with you?
16. Do you forgive and pray for your enemies?
17. Do you labor for your own and the sanctification of the brethren?
18. Do you pray for your pastor, and the officers of the church, and teachers in the Sabbath school?

19. Do you keep your heart constantly alive to a sense of obligation to God, all the friends of the Saviour, and your perishing fellow-creatures?

20. Do you feel it your solemn duty to consecrate all you have and are to the Lord?

21. If at the head of a family, do you pray in your family morning and evening?

22. If a parent, do you teach your children to read and understand the Word of God?

23. If a parent, have you dedicated your children to God in baptism?

24. Will you read these questions over often, and pray God to search your heart in reference to the points of Christian practice suggested by them?

STANDING RULES.

ADOPTED APRIL, 1878.

ARTICLE I.

GOVERNMENT.

THIS Church shall be self-governing, recognizing no other ecclesiastical authority than the Scriptures, while it shall be heartily co-operative, through mutual councils, and otherwise, with other evangelical churches, in accordance with Congregational usage.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held early in the month of January.

Special meetings for worship or business shall be at the call of the Pastor, or on written application of five members, notice of which shall be read from the pulpit at public service on Sunday.

Stated meetings for public or social worship shall be held on Sunday and on Tuesday evenings, and a monthly church meeting for conference on the Friday preceding the first Sunday in each month.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered every two months, beginning the first Sunday in January; and on the Friday evening previous there shall be a preparatory lecture.

All stated meetings of the Church shall be open to appropriate business, at which all members in good standing shall be entitled to vote. Ten members thus qualified shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Special notice shall previously be given of the business proposed in all cases affecting the settlement or dismission of the Pastor or the discipline of a member.

The order of business at the annual meeting shall be, 1, prayer; 2, reading records of the last preceding meeting; 3, reports of officers and committees; 4, election of officers; 5, deferred and new business.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

The officers of the Church shall be the Pastor (who shall be a member of the Church) and Deacons, a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, and a Standing Committee, which shall consist of the Pastor, who shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Committee, the Deacons, Clerk, and two members. These officers, with the exception of the Pastor and Deacons, shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep full minutes of all the business transactions of the Church, also a record of all the doings of the Standing Committee; conduct the correspondence of the Church, keep a record of all baptisms, and a complete roll of all its members; have charge of its archives, and make a full report at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Church, together with all its benevolent contributions, and see that the latter are immediately paid over to the appropriate agencies. He shall fully report the state of the treasury, with the receipts and expenditures, at the close of the year, and whenever else the Church shall require it.

It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to lead in examining candidates for admission to the Church; to receive complaints and prepare for action in cases of discipline; to recommend at each annual meeting such general and individual charities as may seem most deserving the contributions of the Church for the year, and the time of making such contributions; to correspond with non-resident members in

regard to removing their relations, examine the catalogue of members, and report through the Clerk at each annual meeting the names of all non-resident members. It shall also be their duty to confer together, and with other members of the Church, respecting its interests and welfare, and render such other service as the Church may specially direct.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School shall preside in all its exercises, take a general oversight of all its interests and proceedings, and report at the annual Church meeting in January the conditions, wants, and prospects of the school. He shall confer with the Standing Committee in the management of the school, and appoint such assistants and teachers as he deems necessary.

If a vacancy occur in any office of the Church, the same may be filled at a regularly called meeting of the Church, specifying such vacancy to be filled.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS.

Members shall be received to this Church on profession of faith or by letter.

Those who unite by profession of faith shall ordinarily be examined before the Church in reference to their religious experience and belief, and by vote of the same be propounded to the Church and congregation at least one week before their admission. In special cases they may be examined by the Standing Committee, and by them be propounded and recommended to the Church for acceptance. After vote of the Church on their acceptance, they shall be received in accordance with the regular form of admission.

Members received by letter shall be subject to examination before the Church as to their qualifications, and, after vote of the Church, be received by publicly entering into covenant with the Church.

Letters of dismission and recommendation shall be given by vote of the Church to some other evangelical church, but shall be valid for only one year from date. They shall be of this form: —

HOPKINTON, MASS., , 18 .

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN HOPKINTON TO THE CHURCH IN , UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF

Dearly Beloved:

THIS MAY CERTIFY that , member of this church, in good and regular standing, as such, at own request recommended to your communion and fellowship; and when received by you, and the annexed certificate transmitted to the Clerk, particular connection with this church will cease.

By vote of the church,

, *Clerk.*

RETURN CERTIFICATE.

THE CHURCH IN TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN HOPKINTON:

Dearly Beloved: :

THIS MAY CERTIFY that, upon your recommendation, been received into the fellowship of the church in .

By vote of the church,

Clerk.

Members of this Church removing elsewhere will be expected to take letters of dismission and recommendation to the church with which they worship within one year from the time of their change of residence, or report themselves to the Church as often as once a year, and give good reasons for not doing so.

Members of evangelical churches in good standing coming to reside with us are cordially invited to our communion and fellowship, and are requested to unite with our Church at the earliest opportunity.

All applications for letters of dismission and recommendation shall be made in writing, stating the reasons for such request.

ARTICLE V.

DISCIPLINE.

Habitual neglect of public worship and the ordinances of the Church, the selling or habitual use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and all scandalous immoralities and vices,

living in a state of irreconcilable enmity with any member of the Church, and refusing to make suitable concessions for an injury inflicted, shall be subject to discipline.

In all cases of personal or private offences, the member offended shall seek the removal of the offence in the spirit of the gospel, according to Christ's rule in Matthew xviii.

In all cases where public fame charges any member with an offence, and when any member is charged with scandalous immoralities or vices, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to investigate, and seek the removal of the offence; failing in this, they shall report the case to the Church, with charges and specifications.

If the Church entertain the complaint, they shall appoint a time for the hearing of the case, and summon the offender to be present at that hearing, furnishing him, at least one week before the time appointed, with a copy of the charges against him, together with the names of the witnesses who will be relied on for proof.

In all cases of discipline, it shall be competent for the Church to pass a vote of censure, suspension for a definite time, or excommunication.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS.

No alterations shall be made in the foregoing rules except by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a meeting regularly called for this purpose, or at the annual meeting.

ORGANIZATION FOR CHURCH WORK.

This Church appoints each year four committees to labor and direct others whom they may enlist with themselves in the respective fields of usefulness assigned to them. Each committee, through its chairman or secretary, makes a written report of its work at each annual meeting, and its action is

subject to the review and control of the Church. These committees shall consist of five or more members each.

I.

VISITATION AND CHURCH AID COMMITTEE.

The duties of this committee shall be to visit the poor of the Church, and others, and supply their needs as far as the means in the Church treasury will allow, and give them Christian comfort and counsel; they shall, whenever possible, seek out and provide employment for those in need of it; they shall also seek out the sick, and in cases of need, report them to the Pastor and others for visitation and nursing; they shall also conduct a Dorcas society, to carry out their appropriate work in this and other mission fields.

II.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE.

This committee shall arrange and carry out a system for distribution of Bibles, tracts, and other religious reading, in the village and vicinity. Its members shall organize and labor in religious meetings, wherever practicable, in this and neighboring districts, and use every honorable endeavor to induce all persons who do not habitually attend religious meetings at this Church or elsewhere to do so.

III.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

This committee shall take such measures as may seem best adapted to secure the welfare and progress of the Sunday school; it shall also co-operate with the Committee on Evangelization in organizing and carrying on Sunday schools in neighboring districts.

IV.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

This committee shall endeavor to promote an agreeable acquaintance among the Church and congregation, and as far as consistent, to bring strangers within the circle of our acquaintance. It shall be their object not merely to make formal calls, but to introduce people into our circle of Christian usefulness; they shall also arrange and conduct all socials and festivals connected with the Church.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

THE beginning of this town and church was peculiar, as compared with other towns and churches in the vicinity. The territory was held by a board of trustees of what was known as "The Hopkins Donation"; and by purchase as well as by the Act of the Legislature, these trustees were owners in fee of the land, and virtually possessed municipal powers. They were *de facto* the town. This accounts for the fact that town organization was deferred for a period of eight years after the charter was granted.

As both the town and the church perpetuate the name of one who bore a conspicuous part in founding New England and giving character to her institutions, and as his benefaction was a prime element in our civil and ecclesiastical existence, it is manifestly proper to recite briefly the history of the man and his donation. His unselfish piety and large-hearted benevolence constitute an inheritance to be cherished by every citizen of Hopkinton.

Edward Hopkins was a merchant of London, who came to America in 1637; settled at Hartford; was governor of Connecticut many years; returned to England in 1653, and died March, 1657. In his will, among other items of public charity, he bequeathed the sum of £500, "to be made over into New England, and conveyed into the hands of trustees . . . for the upholding and promoting the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ in those parts of the earth." This legacy was to be paid "within six months after the decease of my wife Ann." His widow died Dec. 17, 1698. The executor and residuary devisee being dead, a suit in the Court of Chancery was instituted; and March 19, 1712–13, it was decreed, with the consent of the Society for Propagating Christianity, that the legacy of £500, with interest amounting to £300, should

be paid into the hands of trustees appointed by the Lord Chancellor, to be laid out in the purchase of lands, the rental of which should accrue to the benefit of Harvard College and the Grammar School at Cambridge.

July 20, 1715. The trustees petitioned the General Court for license to purchase of the Indian inhabitants of Natick, "a tract of waste land commonly known by the name of Magunkaquog." The petition was granted.

Natick, Sept. 24, 1715. The Indian proprietors met and "*Voted*, that the lands at Magunkook be sold to the trustees of Mr. Hopkins's legacy."

October 11, 1715. For the sum of £600 in bills of credit, a deed of warranty was executed by said Indians, of eight thousand acres of land lying between Sherborn, Mendon, the Province lands, and Sudbury River.

Dec. 13, 1715. The trustees petitioned the General Court for the grant of a tract of country land lying westerly of Magunkaquog, and praying that the whole be incorporated into a township by the name of Hopkinton. Granted, on condition that the fee of the granted land should remain in the Province. This reservation precluded the trustees from giving valid deeds or leases; and Dec. 1, 1716, the restriction was removed. But there was still a question whether the trustees could legally give leases to run for more than twenty-one years, "they being college or school lands"; and Dec. 3, 1719, the General Court, by special Act, gave them power to execute leases for a term "not exceeding ninety-nine years."

Under these full powers the trustees proceeded to renew the leases already made, and to give other leases, all said leases to run for ninety-nine years from March 25, 1723, at an annual rental of three pence an acre. These terms were changed by authority of the Legislature in 1742, to an annual charge of "one penny sterling per acre, till March 25, 1823, and three pence per acre from that time forward forever." In 1832 the Commonwealth paid to the trustees $8,000, and the tenants paid $2,000; for which sum of $10,000, the said trustees executed full releases to all the tenants.

The gathering of a church in Hopkinton naturally waited on the settlement of land titles, a secure homestead being antecedent to permanent religious privileges.

According to the records, the first movement to secure church privileges was made in 1722, when a small sum was raised by subscription, and expended in payment for preaching.

May 21, 1723. "At a meeting of the biger part of the Inhabitants of Hopkinton, 1. *Voted*, The Indevering for a minister to preach with us constantly on Sabath days. 2. *Voted*, To levi a tax of an half peny upon the acre upon all the lots that are either taken up or picked upon by gentlemen that they will take them, for the suport of a minister. 3. *Voted*, That they will every man bring in his propotion to said tax to John How by the last day of June next insuing. 4. *Voted*, To have a contribution every Sabath, and that every man paper his money and write his name upon the paper, and set the sum that he puts in. 5. *Voted*, That Mr. Hustone and Mr. Wood shall receive said contrebution and take an account what it is, and deliver it to the aforesaid John How, and take care of said papers that none of them be lost. 6. *Voted*, That Mr. John Wood and John How take care that we are constantly provided with a minister to preach with us on Sabath days. 7. *Voted*, To meet at John How's house on Sabath days at present."

The dwelling-house of John How, where meetings were held, stood about seventy-five rods east of the present meeting-house, on the northerly side of the highway, known in later years as the Ephraim Reed place. It was a large square house, with gambrel roof and stone chimney.

This movement for securing regular church ordinances preceded by nearly a year the organization of the town; and as showing the prerogatives exercised by the trustees, it should be noticed that the call for a meeting of the freehold tenants and other inhabitants, to perfect their municipal organization, was issued by a committee of said board; and as showing the interest of said trustees in establishing the ordinances of the gospel, it should be stated that they pro-

posed to give the sum of £100 to help defray the charge of settling a minister and building a meeting-house.

The inhabitants "took upon themselves the power of a town" March 25 1724.

THE FIRST PASTOR. — Mr. Samuel Barrett, Jr., had been employed to preach some time in the year 1723, and a call to settle was given him by the inhabitants in the fall of that year. In less than a month after the town had perfected its organization, — *i. e.*, April 20, 1724, — a meeting of the inhabitants was called, and "it was put to vote that all that were of the mind to ratify and confirm the former vote or choice of our minister, Rev. Mr. Samuel Barrett, should now manifest it by a vote, and it passed in the affirmative: "*Voted*, To give Mr. Barrett thirty-five pounds a year for three years, and the cutting and carting his firewood; and afterwards seventy pounds per annum so long as he continues our minister, with what help we are in hopes the honorable trustees of said town will do for us in this respect." [The trustees granted £30 to Mr. Barrett "towards building his house upon his own land."] "*Voted*, To give Mr. Barrett £60 [afterwards raised to £100] towards his settlement, in day labor, oxen's work, boards, shingles, clapboards, slit-work, or other materials needful for the building an house for him, and to pay it by the 1st of October next."

To this call Mr. Barrett replied: —

"The inhabitants of the town of Hopkinton, at a meeting of said town (according to the direction of the law), assembled April 20, 1724, and then voted me to be their minister in the gospel, and have delivered to me their choice, to which I answer (that depending on the grace of God for assistance) I am resolved to fulfil the work of my ministry among them, and depend that they will be disposed, as God shall encrease and enlarge them, to afford me a more honourable maintenance than at present they are capable of affording. But in the mean time I do thankfully accept of what they have offered for my support and for a gratuity or settlement.

"SAMLL BARRETT, JUNR.

"Dated ye 16th of July, 1724."

At a meeting of the inhabitants, Aug. 18, 1724, it was

"*Voted*, That the ordination of Mr. Barrett should be on Wednesday, the second day of September, and that they will make provision for it at John How's house.

"*Voted*, To levy ten pounds upon the inhabitants to defray the charge of the ordination.

"*Voted*, That the selectmen be a committee to provide for the ordination."

Mr. Barrett writes in the church records:—

"Sept. ye 2d, 1724. This day has God appointed me a pastor over the church of Christ in Hopkinton."

A church was organized the same day, consisting of the pastor and fourteen other male members.

In addition to the support provided by the town, the trustees of the Hopkins donation voted "to lay out one hundred acres of land for the ministry in such convenient place and manner as they shall find most suitable for that use":—

"*Voted*, That one hundred acres of land shall be laid out for the first minister that shall be ordained and settled in the town, to be for him and his heirs for the term of ninety-nine years, free from paying any rent."

By the terms of his call, Mr. Barrett's salary was fixed at seventy pounds per annum "so long as he shall continue our minister"; but the records disclose the singular fact that the town exercised the right to alter this sum from year to year: sometimes a large addition is made to make up the depreciation in the currency, and sometimes the salary is cut down. In 1751 it was voted "to the Rev. Mr. Barrett, £53, 6, 8, for the present year, in lieu of his stated salary."

MEETING-HOUSE. — A town meeting, to see about building a meeting-house, was held Jan. 5, 1724–5, four months after the organization of the church. It was voted to build a house forty-eight feet long, thirty-eight feet wide, and twenty feet between joints; that the house be studded; that Samuel Walkin, John Bowker, and Samuel Comins be a committee to provide the timber and frame it, improving the

people of the town to work out their rates. One hundred pounds was granted towards building the meeting-house.

Some difference of opinion arose as to the proper location of the meeting-house, three places being pitched upon. As a compromise all parties agreed to leave it to be decided by the lot. The lot was cast, and it fell upon the spot south of the burying-ground, in what is now the highway. The house then built on this spot stood for more than a century.

The raising of the meeting-house was a great affair. The town appropriated ten pounds for the purpose; and voted, "That all those that entertain the men who have been at the raising with a supper the evening after, shall have one shilling and three pence per head allowed by the town." The house was raised in December; and was so far covered in, that a town meeting was held in it June 26, 1726. But it was many years before it was *finished*. The trustees contributed £100 pounds towards the meeting-house. In 1727, £40 was granted by the town, and £40 more in 1729, towards carrying on the work of the meeting-house.

Galleries were built on three sides of the house. The pulpit stood in the centre of the north side, with a large window behind, and a half-circular sounding board above it.

PEWS. — Pew-ground was granted to all the leading families who desired it. These were placed around next the walls. Their size was fixed by the town, and was commonly six or seven feet long by five feet deep. Where a pew happened to come against a window, the owner was obliged to keep the glass in repair.

SEATS. — Feb. 1, 1727–8. "*Voted*, To build two bodys of seats on the floor of the meeting-house, one for men, the other for women."

SEATING THE MEETING-HOUSE. — Pew-holders with their families occupied their respective pews. All other church-goers were assigned their proper places in the seats year by year. The seats were "dignified" according to location;

and persons were assigned their sittings according to estates and ages.

Sept. 25, 1732. The town "*Voted*, To seat the meeting-house by this year's and last year's rate in the town tax, and to add one penny for each year of age to every person from twenty-one to sixty. *Voted*, That the fore seat below shall be esteemed the highest in dignity ; the second seat below and the fore seat in the front gallery equal ; the third seat below the next ; then the fore seat in the side gallery the next, and so on. *Voted*, To seat seven in each seat below, and eight in the front gallery, and fourteen in the side gallery." In 1759 certain young women petitioned the town for liberty to build a pew behind the hind seat, the whole length of the women's gallery. Granted to Mary Tilton, Abigail How, and fourteen others. The next year, Comfort Haven, Esther Gleason, Priscilla, Faith, and Elizabeth Loring had liberty to build a pew on the women's side behind the seats in the front gallery. This aroused the pride of the young men, and at the next town meeting Roger Dench, Richard Smith, Jr., and others petitioned for leave to build a pew "over the men's stairs." Granted. The next year Elizabeth Wells, Sarah and Elizabeth Caryl, and others petitioned for leave to build a pew "over the women's stairs." Granted.

This meeting-house was a plain structure, without cupola or steeple. Extensive repairs were made, both inside and out, in 1773, in which year the outside was for the first time painted. The house stood till 1829, when it was removed, and the present meeting-house erected. This house has been twice remodelled, once in 1846, and greatly improved in 1859.

Horse Sheds. — The town voted that every man may have liberty to build sheds on the Common land that desires it. These sheds extended east and west on both sides of the meeting-house ; and later, a row was built on the easterly side of the Common.

PRESBYTERIANISM. — Seven of the original members of the church were Scotch Presbyterians, and five others soon after joined. As nothing was said at the outset about a form of church government, these men could conscientiously assent to the covenant, and unite in Christian communion. April 9, 1731, the church voted "to comply with the Platform of Church Discipline agreed to by the Synod of Churches assembled at Cambridge, 1649, as the rule of their discipline, so far as they apprehended it to be agreeable to the word of God." This voting the church Congregational gave great offence to the Presbyterians. About ten families withdrew from the communion of the church. They were brought under discipline, and eventually several of them excommunicated. In 1734, they organized a Presbyterian church, built a small meeting-house about one and one half miles west of the village, near what is known as the Ellery place. Subsequently, on the removal of many of these families to Blandford, this church organization was, by consent of Presbytery, transferred to that town, where it existed till 1800. Most of the families which remained in Hopkinton made concessions to the church, and were restored to their former standing.

RULING ELDERS. — June 20, 1731, Joseph Bixby and Joseph Haven were chosen ruling elders; and June 14, 1732, they were ordained to the office. At the same time, Benj. Burnap, Sr., and Henry Mellen were ordained to the office of deacon. The Rev. Thomas Prince and the Rev. John Webb, both pastors at Boston, were present and assisted. It appears from the records, that the duty of the ruling elder was to assist the pastor in administering the discipline of the church, to call church meetings, and preside over the same in the absence of the pastor, and to attend ecclesiastical councils. With the death of Elders Bixby and Haven, the office ceased in this church.

MEMBERS RECEIVED FROM FRAMINGHAM WITHOUT DISMISSION. — The facts in this case, famous in the annals

of Congregationalism, are best told in the language of the Church Records : —

"Nov. 27, 1732. The church met to consider of the desires of Edward Goddard, Thomas Mellen, Benj. Whitney, Simon Mellen, Richard Haven, and Simon Goddard, all belonging to the church of Christ, in Framingham, to be admitted into full communion with this church. *Voted*, To send to the church in Framingham to know what objections they had against our receiving them. Jan. 10, 1732-3, the Church met, and voted to receive the above-named brethren, as members in full communion with us, without a dismission from Framingham church (they being before in full communion with that church). The reasons inducing this church hereto were: 1. Those brethren having used all possible pains with the pastor to obtain a dismission from that church. 2. This church having sent a letter to the Framingham church, desiring their consent for our receiving the above-named members, or offer such objections to us as might justify our denial of their admission with us. 3. Upon the foregoing reasons, this church looked upon it as agreeable to the Platform of Church Discipline, Chap. 13, Section 2.

"April 16, 1735, Dea. Joshua Hemenway, Wm. Ballard, Elkanah Haven, Moses Haven, Jr., Joshua Hemenway, Jr., members of the church in Framingham, petitioned to be received to this church. *Voted*, That the elders write to the church in Framingham, in the name of this church, to inform them of the above petition, and the grounds of the request, in order to gain their consent, or receive their objections. At a church meeting, May 12, was read the letter sent by the elders to the church in Framingham ; also, the answer thereto by Rev. Mr. Swift, and the letters of Dea. Hemenway to the church, and Mr. Swift's answer to the same. After debate, the church voted to call in a convenient number of Congregational churches, to advise in the said affair. The ecclesiastical council met the third Wednesday in September. It comprised the churches under the pastoral care of Rev. Messrs. Cheever, of Chelsea, Moody, of York,

Wise, of Berwick, White, of Gloucester, Loring, of Sudbury, Dr. Sewall, Thatcher, Webb, Prince, Gee, and Mather, of Boston. After hearing all parties in interest, the council gave its sanction to the doings of the church thus far, and advised that Dea. Hemenway and the others be received without letters of dismission from the Framingham church; and they were admitted. Later, the wives of these brethren were admitted in the same manner. Sept. 20, Nero, the slave of Rev. Mr. Swift, of Framingham, made application to be admitted to this Church, on the same terms. His petition was treated with the same deference as the others, and the customary forms were observed.

Lecture. — In 1742, the church voted to have a public lecture once a month, besides the lecture before the sacrament.

The Lord's Supper. — June 6, 1733, the church voted to have the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered once in two months. This was afterwards changed to five times a year, and again restored to once in two months.

The Half-Way Covenant. — In common with most of the Congregational churches of that day, this church from the first admitted members to the half-way covenant. Such persons did not profess to be regenerate; but by publicly owning the covenant, they gained the privilege of having their children baptized. And there was connected with the profession the idea that one thus put himself under the authorized "means of grace," and in the way of salvation. In the majority of cases, soon after marriage, the husband or wife, or both, owned the covenant. During Mr. Barrett's pastorate, two hundred and forty-seven, and during Mr. Fitch's, one hundred, were thus received. Many of these were afterwards admitted to full communion. The practice ceased in this church with the settlement of Rev. Mr. Howe.

Mr. Whitefield. — This church was agitated by the movements of Whitefield, and those in sympathy with him.

A few members of the church favored his views and methods, and on their invitation, Mr. Whitefield preached once in Hopkinton. Mr. Barrett, like most of the pastors in this association, disapproved of his course, but prudently refrained from enlisting in the open opposition. He invited Rev. Mr. Moody, of York, Rev. Mr. Parkman, of Westboro', and Rev. Mr. Stone, of Southboro', who were true friends of the great revival, to hold public services in his meeting-house, Sept. 30, 1742. Some of his people invited Rev. Mr. Bliss, of Concord, a zealous friend of Whitefield, to attend the same meeting, and requested that he might have the pulpit for an evening lecture; but Mr. Barrett refused, though he consented that such a service might be held at a private house, which was accordingly done.

Rev. Mr. Barrett's health failed in 1771, and he asked his people to choose a colleague pastor, offering to relinquish one half of his salary, and give up the use of the ministerial land, except his firewood. The town voted to give him £33, 6, 8 yearly during life, and his firewood. He died at the end of a year. The town voted £5, 5, 4 to defray the expenses of his funeral.

Rev. Samuel Barrett was the son of Samuel. Born at Boston, 1700; graduated, Harvard University, 1721; ordained, Sept. 2, 1724; died, Dec. 11, 1772; he married Anna ——. He appears to have been a sensible, prudent man, of exemplary life and godly conversation, who commanded the respect of his people during his entire ministry. In a notice published at the time of his death it is said, "He was a pious, good Christian, a man of great candor and good nature."

The Second Pastor. — At a church meeting called by Mr. Barrett, Dec. 2, 1771, "after solemn fasting and prayer to Almighty God for direction, the church unanimously made choice of Mr. Elijah Fitch as colleague pastor with Mr. Barrett" At a meeting held Dec. 9, the town, "by a very unanimous vote, concurred with the church in their choice, and voted to give Mr. Fitch £133, 6, 8 lawful money for his settlement, and £60 lawful money for his yearly salary,

together with the use of the ministerial lot (excepting forty acres), during the time of his ministry, he to make no strip nor waste on the said lot, saving to cut his firewood."

In his letter of acceptance, Mr. Fitch says: "I fain would hope (O that I could confidently say) that I now give myself to you in the bonds of our common Lord, humbly depending on His power for success and grace for acceptance, and being sensible that many and great are the difficulties attending the right and faithful discharge of the duties incumbent on those who are duly called and solemnly ordained to this great, noble, and excellent work. Brethren, pray for me, that the great Head of the church — the God of all light and knowledge — would enrich me with treasures of wisdom, endow me with every ministerial gift and grace, that I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need, and my preaching conduce to the saving of mine own soul and the souls of those that hear me." This paper gives us the key to Mr. Fitch's character. Devout in spirit, self-shrinking, holding fast the Head, with an intense purpose to make full proof of his ministry, through the help of divine grace and the power of the Spirit of God.

Mr. Fitch was ordained Jan. 15, 1772. The council and other gentlemen present were entertained by Capt. Joseph Mellen gratuitously. On the death of Capt. Mellen, a few months later, the town "voted six pounds lawful money as a present to Mrs. Ruhamah Mellen, the widow of the deceased, as a grateful acknowledgment of favor."

Mr. Fitch's ministry covered the period of the Revolutionary War, and the records make note of nothing of special interest in church affairs; but there is abundant evidence that it was an eminently successful ministry. He was a man of superior mental powers, of refined tastes and sound judgment. "He was somewhat reserved in mixed companies, but in the pulpit he was remarkably eloquent. He was not rigid in his religious opinions, but was considered a moderate Calvinist." Says a contemporary, "No man ever more feelingly participated in the happiness or misery of his fellowmen than he, or better filled the several offices of pastor, husband, parent, friend, neighbor, and townsman."

Rev. Elijah Fitch was a descendant of *Rev. James Fitch*, who settled in Saybrook, Conn., 1638 (afterwards of Norwich, Conn.), and his wife Priscilla Mason. Their son *John* settled in Windham, Conn. His son *Capt. John*, of Windham, was the father of Elijah, who was born 1745; graduated, Yale College, 1765; received the honorary degree of A. M. from Harvard University, 1770; preached at Franklin, Mass., 1768-70; ordained at Hopkinton, Jan. 15, 1772; died, Dec. 16, 1788. He married, 1766, Hannah Fuller, of Hampton, Conn.

After the funeral of Mr. Fitch, the bearers supplied the pulpit in turn, according to custom. The following candidates were then heard: Rev Solomon Adams, of Middleton, Mass., Rev. Joshua Cushman, Rev. Stephen Baxter, Rev. Pearson Thurston (to whom the church voted a "call" Jan. 14, 1790), Rev. Alden Bradford, Rev. Gordon Dorrance, and Rev. Benjamin Stone.

Temperance. — At this early day this church took a decided step in favor of temperance. May 19, 1790, the church met, and among other things, "*Voted*, If any of us should be found from time to time disguised with strong drink, then we are to be brought under the immediate admonition of the church."

The Third Pastor. — Mr. Nathanael Howe preached first in Hopkinton the third Sabbath in January, 1791. May 11 the church gave him a unanimous call to settle as their pastor. May 19 the town "*Voted*, To concur with the church, provided Mr. Howe consents to admit children to baptism whose parents are in the Half-Way Covenant, so called." Mr. Howe frankly stated that he could not conscientiously baptize such children, but was willing that the pastors of neighboring churches with whom he should exchange should administer the rite; he also signified his willingness that such pastors, with the consent of the church, might admit persons into the Half-Way Covenant. The town expressed satisfaction with these proposals, and July 18 voted concurrence with the church in their call: "*Voted*, To give Mr. Howe the sum

of £200 as a settlement, and £70 annual salary, together with the improvement of the ministerial land." Mr. Howe gave an affirmative answer July 24, and was ordained Oct. 5, Rev. Ebenezer Bradford, of Ipswich, preaching the sermon.

Concert of Prayer. — "March 22, 1795. The circular letter for a concert of prayer was read to the church, and it was unanimously voted to adopt the concert, — *i. e.*, to observe the first Tuesday in every quarter as a day of prayer for the revival of religion, public services to be held at two o'clock P. M., with exercises such as are common on the afternoon of the Lord's day." A conference meeting, to be held once in two weeks, was established some years later. In 1809 it was voted that the conference meeting should hereafter be held only once a month.

Contribution. — Jan. 8, 1811. The church voted that they will contribute at each conference meeting for the benefit of those of our members who are needy, said contribution to be distributed by the deacons at their discretion.

Baptismal Basin. — March 13, 1814. The church voted to dispose of the old vessels belonging to the church which had become useless, and purchase a basin to be used in baptisms.

Catechizing the Children. — Mr. Howe was in the habit of visiting the public schools once a year for the purpose of catechizing the children and giving them useful maxims of life. He had a rare faculty of talking to the young so as to enlist their interest and fasten truth in their memories. He was an earnest advocate of family religious instruction, often setting forth the duty of parents to teach their children the Word of God. Late in life he published, "for the children under his pastoral care," *A Catechism*, to which were added "Miscellaneous Questions and Answers," and a "Chapter of Proverbs for Common Life."

Mr. Howe was one of the originators of the Middlesex South Conference of Churches, in 1828.

On Lord's day, Dec. 24, 1815, Mr. Howe preached his famous *Century Sermon*, which was, on request of his people, printed. It is a unique production, and has lasting value, as illustrative of the cast of his mind, his style of writing, his sense of justice, his faithfulness in rebuke, his candor, and his religious belief. In a word, it is an autobiography in outline. Most of the country pastors of that day owned and carried on farms, from which a part of their support was derived; but probably few of them could or would draw this graphic picture: "Borne down with the fatigues of manual labor, — pressed into the woods in the winter, to the plough in the spring, and into the meadow in the summer, to support my family comfortably and fulfil my promises,—I felt the business of the ministry was greatly neglected; that it was impossible for me to do what ought to be done in my profession unless the people did more towards my support." But his salary was not increased, and he continued to labor with his hands, and study his sermons while at his farm work, and write them after the day's work was done, and command the interested attention of his Sabbath hearers, — which no ordinary man could do.

Conservative by nature, and thoroughly grounded in the great doctrines of the Bible, as formulated in the *Westminster Confession*, Mr. Howe was opposed to all "new measures" and innovations in theology, and the church and people were largely in sympathy with their pastor; and when the leaven of liberalism — which had been working in our churches for a generation — came to a ferment in 1826–30, this church was one of the few that remained undisturbed. The reason of this, in no small part, was the personal power, intellectual and spiritual, of the pastor, and the confidence reposed in him by his people.

Mr. Howe was distinguished for the purity of his motives, for sincerity, and for moral rectitude. He was a man of positive convictions, to which he was always true. He had true courage, because he was loyal to his conscience; he was true to his fellow-men, because he was true to himself and to God.

In his ordinary intercourse with men, as well as in his written discourses, he had the happy faculty of adapting himself to circumstances — of saying what fitted the occasion. And his quaint way of putting things gave him power in the Ministerial Association and the social circle, as well as in the pulpit.

Coadjutant to the keenness of his wit and his well-chosen words, was his personal appearance in the pulpit. He was above the medium height, and of slim build, and had a sharp voice and a clear enunciation. These gave to his emphatic words and sentences an incisive force not apparent in the reading. He always *read his sermons;* and he generally read them as they were written, with sufficient variety of tone and inflection to suit the sentiment.

His sermons were Scriptural and argumentative, rather than dogmatic. The larger part were what would be termed doctrinal.

The three foundation stones of his creed were, the sovereignty of God, the essential divinity of Christ, and regeneration by the agency of the Holy Spirit.

In his pulpit ministrations, Mr. Howe was peculiarly acceptable in his prayers. He seemed to have "the spirit of grace and of supplications," and carried his hearers with him to the very throne of the invisible and Holy One.

Rev. Nathanael Howe was a descendant of *James Howe*, who settled at Roxbury before 1637, and soon after removed to Ipswich, Mass., and his wife Elizabeth Dane. He was the third son of Capt. Abraham and Lucy (Appleton) Howe; was born in Linebrook parish, Ipswich, Oct. 6, 1764; entered the Junior Class at Nassau Hall, Princeton, N. J., 1784; the next year entered the Senior Class at Harvard University, where he graduated 1786; studied theology with Rev. Mr. Bradford, of Ipswich, and Rev. Dr. Emmons, of Franklin; after receiving license he preached at Londonderry and Francestown, N. H., Hampton, Conn., and Grafton, Mass., where he received a call to settle; was ordained at Hopkinton, Oct. 5, 1791; died Feb. 15, 1837. He married Olive, daughter of Col. John Jones, of Hopkinton.

Dec. 3, 1828. The church "*Voted*, That the pastor invite members of other churches, in regular standing, to our communion, without a vote of the church."

THE FOURTH PASTOR.—In the spring of 1830, Mr. Howe's health gave way, and measures were taken to settle a colleague pastor. A call was given to Mr. Amos A. Phelps, who accepted, and was ordained in September. Entering with the ardor of youth into his work, he advocated with great zeal and earnestness what many of his people regarded as "new measures," particularly the cause of temperance. He thus gave offence to leading members of the parish, and at the end of twenty months was constrained to ask a dismission. His pastorate was, however, largely fruitful of good, and his course was approved by the church. A revival began with his ministry and continued till its close.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps was born at Simsbury, Conn., Nov. 11, 1804; graduated, Yale College, 1826; studied at Andover and New Haven Theological Seminary; ordained, Hopkinton, Sept. 14, 1830; dismissed, May 1, 1832; installed, Pine Street Church, Boston, Sept. 13, 1832; dismissed, March 26, 1834. During this pastorate he delivered, by invitation, an address on slavery; and his examination of the subject, preparatory to writing the address, led him to a clear conviction of the right of *immediate emancipation*. April 1, 1834, he entered upon an agency of the American Anti-Slavery Society, and the best of his strength for the next six years was devoted to the interest of the slave. He was installed over the Marlboro' Chapel Free Church, July 24, 1839; in 1841 he became city missionary; and March 2, 1842, was installed over the Maverick Street Church, East Boston. In 1845, he removed to New York, as Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society. He spent the winter of 1846-7 at Hayti and Jamaica, West Indies, and died of consumption at Roxbury, Mass., July 30, 1847. He married, (1) Charlotte Brown, born Sept. 1, 1803, daughter of William and Margaret (Shepherd) Brown, who died Aug. 31, 1838; (2) Caroline G. Little, daughter of

Doty Little, of Castine, Me.; (3) Lucy T. Little, sister of the preceding.

After the dismission of Mr. Phelps, the senior pastor resumed the sole charge of the parish, and received his full salary. In August the church voted unanimously to give a call to Rev. Otis Rockwood. The parish concurred by a small majority, but did not offer him "reasonable terms of settlement."

THE FIFTH PASTOR. — Rev. Jeffries Hall was born in Cornish, N. H., Feb. 3, 1802; graduated, Amherst College, 1829; Andover Theological Seminary, 1832; ordained at Hopkinton, as colleague pastor with Mr. Howe, June 5, 1833; dismissed, May 22, 1838; teacher, Hopkinton High School, 1841; teacher, Wolfboro', N. H., Academy, 1843–4; acting pastor, Wolfboro', 1843–51; acting pastor, Elliot, Me., 1852–57; acting pastor, Chesterfield, N. H., 1858–68; now resides at Chesterfield. He married, June 19, 1833, Sarah F. Swift, daughter of Dr. N. Swift, of Andover, Mass.

Jan. 21, 1835, a Congregational church was organized at Unionville, then a village in the northeasterly corner of Hopkinton, now the town of Ashland. Six of the twenty-one original members were dismissed from this church.

THE SIXTH PASTOR. — Rev. John C. Webster was born at Hampton, N. H., Jan. 19, 1810. Son of Rev. Josiah and Elizabeth Knight Webster. Graduated, Dartmouth College, 1832; Andover Theological Seminary, 1835; preached in Maine, 1835–6; ordained at Newburyport, March 15, 1837; seamen's chaplain, Cronstadt, Russia, 1837–8; installed, Hopkinton, Dec. 19, 1838; dismissed, Dec. 12, 1864; Professor Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, Wheaton College, Illinois, 1864–77; now pastor Congregational church at Lisbon, Ill. He married, (1) Jan. 1, 1839, Rebecca Gair, daughter of Capt. William Russell, of Providence, R. I.; (2) Dec. 22, 1847, Elizabeth Ripley, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D., of Concord, N. H.

Mr. Webster was eminently a citizen as well as a minister,

and interested himself in all moral and educational matters. He early embraced the temperance and anti-slavery causes, and had the courage to defend his principles under adverse circumstances; and his long pastorate of twenty-six years indicates the high estimation in which he was held by his people, and shows what a man of positive convictions, in advance of his times on public questions, *can do* in educating a church and people up to his standard.

The Seventh Pastor. — Rev. Joseph Boardman graduated, Amherst College, 1855; Andover Theological Seminary, 1860; ordained, March 20, 1861; acting pastor, Pownal, Me., 1860–65; installed, Hopkinton, Nov. 2, 1865; dismissed, Sept. 24, 1868; acting pastor, Chiltonville, Mass., 1869–70; installed over Pawtucket Church, Lowell, Mass., Sept. 1, 1870; dismissed, Oct. 25, 1874; acting pastor, Craftsbury, Vt., May 1, 1875. He married, (1) May 20, 1862, Mima Ann Patten, of Amesbury, Mass., who died Sept. 17, 1867; (2) Nov. 1, 1870, Mary Niles, daughter of Rev. L. Withington, D. D., of Newbury, Mass.

The Eighth Pastor. — Rev. George H. Ide graduated, Dartmouth College, 1865; Andover Theological Seminary, 1869; ordained, Hopkinton, Oct. 28, 1869; dismissed, Oct. 5, 1876; installed over Central Church, Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 1, 1876. He married, (1) March 16, 1871, Mary J. Sanborn, who died Jan. 26, 1875; (2) April 27, 1876, Katie E. Bowles.

The Ninth Pastor. — Rev. Horatio O. Ladd was born at Hallowell, Me., Aug. 31, 1839; graduated, Bowdoin College, 1859; Yale Theological Seminary, 1863; ordained, Cromwell, Conn., Nov. 22, 1865, where he was pastor till dismissed to accept a call to be pastor and professor in Olivet College, Mich., 1867; was also pastor of the church in Romeo, Mich., till 1873; principal of New Hampshire State Normal School, 1873–76; installed, Hopkinton, March 22, 1877; dismissed, Aug. 21, 1880, to take charge of the Santa

Fé Academy, New Mexico, where he labors as missionary teacher under the patronage of the New West Educational Commission, of Chicago. He married, Aug. 6, 1863, Harriet V., daughter of Rev. John S. C. Abbott, LL. D., of New Haven, Conn.

Revivals. — The great revival of 1740, which extended over New England, was felt with considerable power in this town ; and as a result, about fifty were added to the church by profession. There was less excitement here than at Westboro', but the work appears to have been genuine.

The years 1811–12 were marked by a special, though quiet, outpouring of the Spirit, during which twenty-six made profession.

The ministry of Mr. Phelps, 1831–32, was a continued revival. During these two years, eighty-four were added to the church.

The winter of 1841–42 was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and sixty-seven united with the church. In 1851–52 twenty-three made profession.

In 1866–67, a revival, which reached to every part of the town, was the means of gathering forty-eight into the church. This was during Mr. Boardman's pastorate. It was at this date that the Young Men's Christian Association was formed, which proved an efficient agent of evangelistic work, particularly in the out-districts. The library established by this association, and largely added to by the liberality of Mrs. Sally G. Smith, is still in existence, and is a valued means of moral and social culture.

In 1877, during the early part of Mr. Ladd's pastorate, as the result of a special awakening, twenty-seven were added to the church.

Sabbath School. — A Sabbath school was organized in this town in 1817. The movement was started by Miss Nancy Fitch, Mrs. Anna Eames (afterwards Mrs. Leland), and Mrs. Polly Ellis. The school met for several years, in the summer season only, in the school-house on the Common. Dea. Elijah Fitch was the first superintendent.

Singing. — In early times, the people were busy in clearing up their lands, and paid little attention to music; and what singing they had in public worship was distinguished more by volume than by harmony. Few had books of words or tunes. The psalms were "lined" by the senior deacon, who stood in front of the pulpit. The key was given by a wooden pitch-pipe, which was the only instrument then allowed in religious services.

There is reason to believe that William Billings, the composer, taught a singing school in this town; and the tunes in his Collection, such as Jordan, Majesty, Invitation, took the place of York, Windsor, Martyrs, of Mr. Tuft's Collection. Soon after the revival in church psalmody, Watts's "Psalms and Hymns" was introduced, a choir was formed, which sat in the gallery, and a bass-viol took the place of the pitch-pipe. It was during the ministry of Rev. Mr. Fitch, who took great interest in the singing, that instrumental music was first introduced into the choir. It gave great offence to some of the church and congregation, disturbing some persons so much that they were accustomed to leave the house while the choir were singing.

In September, 1800, Mr. Daniel Belknap, of Framingham, a noted teacher of singing (had previously taught in Hopkinton), published his "Evangelical Harmony," by subscription; and among the subscribers were Elijah Fitch (six copies), Pelatiah Bixby, Simpson Bixby, John Bowker, Kiah Fletcher, and Oliver Ward, of Hopkinton. This is an indication of the interest then taken here in sacred music.

Rev. Mr. Howe was not a singer, but he understood well the value of music as a part of public worship, and often boarded the singing master gratuitously. In his dedication sermon, 1830, he says, "I feel myself under more obligation to them (the singers) than to any other class of the parish."

"Jan. 5, 1806. The church tarried after sermon, to see what could be done to revive the singing, which has lately failed." It was "*Voted*, 1. That we will subscribe money to assist in defraying the expense of a singing school. 2. That Bro. Asa Adams, who is the quirister of the church be requested to lead in the singing next Sabbath, and continue as

quirister till such time as the singers are prepared to carry on that part of public worship; and such members of the church as are capable are requested to assist him, and to invite others of the congregation to assist him." The church subscribed $18.75 for a singing school. March 9, same year, Mr. Sylvanus Johnson was chosen chorister by the congregation. The next year the town appropriated $40 to defray the expense of the singing.

Deacon Elijah Fitch was leader of the choir for a long term of years; and Col. Abijah Ellis played the bass-viol. Frequent rehearsals were held, and the singing was of a high order of excellence. The "Bridgewater Collection" was introduced soon after 1812, and the "Handel and Haydn Collection" about 1823. The former contained the tunes of Brattle Street, Pleyel's Hymn, etc., and the latter such tunes as Shoel, Ellenthorpe, and Truro, which at once became popular.

About the time the new meeting-house was built, the church introduced "Watts's and Select Hymns," in place of Watts's "Psalms and Hymns"; and near the same time the "Boston Academy's Collection" of music. Among others, William Bixby and John Sawyer were efficient choir leaders.

An organ, costing $400, was purchased in 1849, Miss Sarah Davenport being organist for several years. This organ was exchanged for the present beautiful instrument in 1860. About this time the "Congregational Hymn Book" was introduced. Mr. E. E. Whittemore was organist and leader. After Mr. Whittemore, the music was in charge of Mr. E. S. Nason, of Worcester, for several years, and he was accustomed to speak of the choir as one of the best he had ever led.

Mr. I. B. Valentine, Samuel Crooks, and Elisha Frail have successively served as choristers, leading in the service of song at the social meetings.

The present manual of praise is entitled "Songs for the New Life"; and the choir is under the direction of A. G. Brewer, organist. It is an incident worthy of mention, that four of the present choir have been members for over forty years, and one other, recently debarred by sickness, nearly as long.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

This church has recognized her obligation to share in the great plans of Christian benevolence. During her early history there was little call, opportunity, or power to give. While all branches of Christian charities have been aided, the church has been particularly responsive to the call of the slave and the freedman, and to the Home Missionary work.

A report of contributions since 1842 has been preserved: —

1842	$219 36	1862	$164 60
1843	300 00	1863	211 33
1844	524 80	1864	1,711 40
1845	343 00	1865	215 03
1846	399 90	1866	472 75
1847	329 50	1867	600 00
1848	358 37	1868	586 56
1849	402 88	1869	705 00
1850	484 38	1870	1,244 48
1851	807 99	1871	3,083 98
1852	682 73	1872	1,967 74
1853	881 53	1873	2,180 34
1854	412 44	1874	2,245 80
1855	960 56	1875	2,419 65
1856	466 19	1876	6,540 00
1857	391 00	1877	4,678 66
1858	585 00	1878	3,842 11
1859	443 40	1879	2,567 07
1860	569 02	1880	2,951 26
1861	122 25		

CATALOGUE

OF THE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH,

FROM ITS COMMENCEMENT.

PASTORS.

Rev. Samuel Barrett, ordained Sept. 2, 1724, died Dec. 11, 1772, aged 72.
Rev. Elijah Fitch, ordained Jan. 15, 1772, died Dec. 10, 1788, aged 41.
Rev. Nathaniel Howe, ordained Oct. 5, 1791, died Feb. 15, 1837, aged 72.
Rev. Amos A. Phelps, ordained Sept. 14, 1830, dismissed May 1, 1832.
Rev. Jeffries Hall, ordained June 5, 1833, dismissed May 22, 1838.
Rev. John C. Webster, installed Dec. 19, 1838, dismissed Dec. 12, 1864.
Rev. Joseph Boardman, installed Nov. 2, 1865, dismissed Sept. 24, 1868.
Rev. George H. Ide, ordained Oct. 28, 1869, dismissed Oct. 5, 1876.
Rev. Horatio O. Ladd, installed March 22, 1877, dismissed Aug. 21, 1880.

	Yrs.	Ms.	No. Adm.
Rev. Samuel Barrett was sole pastor	47		
and admitted to the church			376
Rev. Elijah Fitch was colleague with Mr. Barrett	1		
and admitted to the church			1
Rev. Elijah Fitch was sole pastor	16		
and admitted to the church			36
Rev. Nathaniel Howe was sole pastor	40		
and admitted to the church			143
Rev. Amos A. Phelps was colleague with Mr. Howe	1	8	
and admitted to the church			86
Rev. Jeffries Hall was colleague with Mr. Howe	3	8	
and admitted to the church			17
Rev. Jeffries Hall was sole pastor	1	3	
and admitted to the church			3
Rev. John C. Webster was sole pastor	26		
and admitted to the church			230
Rev. Joseph Boardman was sole pastor	2	11	
and admitted to the church			71
Rev. George H. Ide was sole pastor	6	11	
and admitted to the church			73
Rev. Horatio O. Ladd was sole pastor	3	5	
and admitted to the church			52
The church has admitted while destitute of a pastor			13
The whole number of years since its organization	157		
The whole number admitted			1101
The number holding church relation Jan. 1, 1881			240

DEACONS.

Benjamin Burnap, Sr.,	elected	Feb. 17, 1725.
Joseph Haven,	"	Feb. 17, 1725, ordained ruling elder.
Joseph Bixby,	"	Aug. 28, 1730, ordained ruling elder.
Henry Millens,	"	Sept. 10, 1731.
Ebenezer Kemble,	"	Nov. 21, 1738.
Benjamin Burnap, Jr.,	"	Sept. 6, 1749.
Jason Walker,	"	Apr. 18, 1768.
Moses Haven,	"	Apr. 18, 1768, died May 28, 1808, aged 76.
Stephen Kinsman,	"	Sept. 28, 1786, dismissed April 13, 1801.
Joseph Walker,	"	Nov. 27, 1793, died Dec. 15, 1813, aged 74.
Abel Fiske,	"	Dec. 20, 1803, died April 1, 1823, aged 79.
Samuel Walker,	"	Dec. 1, 1813, dismissed March 8, 1818.
Elijah Fitch,	"	Feb. 7, 1814, died April 27, 1847.
James Freeland,	"	Apr. 28, 1817, resigned Nov. 14, 1830.
Samuel Morse, 2d,	"	Dec. 23, 1830, died Sept. 20, 1859.
Moses L. Buck,	"	Jan. 1, 1848.
Isaac V. Adams,	"	Jan. 1, 1848, resigned and dismissed Oct. 1, 1880.
John A. Fitch,	"	Nov. 17, 1859.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS,

SEPT. 2, 1724.

Rev. Samuel Barrett,
Elnathan Allen,
Obediah Allen,
Benjamin Burnap, Sr.,
Robert Cooke, *ex.*,
William Dunaghoi, *ex.*,
Jacob Gibbs, *d.*,
Patrick Hambleton,
Robert Hambleton, *ex.*,
Joseph Haven,
Robert Huston, *ex.*,
William Montgomery,
Samuel Walkins, *d.*,
John Wood,
Samuel Wark.

MEMBERS IN FULL COMMUNION,

With the Dates of their Admission.

EXPLANATION.—The letter *r.* denotes that persons were received on recommendation from other churches; *d.*, that they were dismissed from this church; *ex.*, that they were excommunicated; an asterisk (*) is prefixed to the names of persons known to be dead since the year 1776.

1724. Oct. 25. Martha Gibbs.
Nov. 8. Eleazer Giles.
Elizabeth Giles.
1725. Jan. 3. Peter Howe.
Thomas Walker.
Mary Walker.
Henry Millens, *r.*
Benjamin Barnard, *r.*
Jan. 10. Philip Cody, *r.*
Mrs. Philip Cody, *r.*
Hugh Black, *ex.*
Mrs. Hugh Black, *ex.*
Samuel Wark.
Mrs. Samuel Wark.
James Wark.
April 4. Ebenezer Locke, *d.*
Mary Locke, *d.*
June 20. Mary Howe.
Sept. 26. Elizabeth Butler.
1726. May 1. Thankful Howe.
July 24. Samuel Streeter, *d.*
Experience Streeter, *d.*
Mehetible Bridges, *d.*
1727. April 9. Hannah Allen.
Mary Hambleton.
May 21. Hepzibah Haven.
Grizzle Ozborn, *r.*
Nov. 12. Henry Walker, *r.*
Jonathan Knowlton, *r.*
Robert Long, *r.*
Elenor Long, *r.*
19. William Henry, *ex.*
Dec. 10. John Jones, *r.*
Sarah Collar, *r.*
24. Elizabeth Locke, *d.*
1728. Feb. 18. Samuel Allen.
Mrs. Edmund Bowke
Mrs. John Brewer.

1728. Feb. 18. Mrs. William Healy.
April 14. Mrs. Thomas Cook.
James Cole, Jr.
June 2. William Healy.
July 14. Sarah Pike, *r.*
Aug. 25. Samuel Cornell.
Abigail Cornell, *d.*
James Collar, Sr.
Mrs. James Collar.
Sept. 1. John Wood.
Matthew Blair, *ex.*
Sarah Montgomery, *ex.*
15. John Montgomery.
Mary Barnard.
29. Alice Cody.
Oct. 6. Hannah Burnap.
Nov. 24. Robert Black, *ex.*
Elizabeth Osborn.
Janette Osborn.
Dec. 1. Thomas Bixby, *r.*
Joseph Bixby, *r.*
Mrs. Joseph Bixby, *r.*
Joseph Bixby, Jr., *r.*
Lydia Bixby, *r.*
Abner Bixby, *r.*
8. Thomas Pierce.
David Woodwell, *r.*
1729. Jan. 12. Mary Wark.
Jane Wark, *ex.*
19. Abraham Tilton, *r.*
Samuel Tilton, *r.*
March 9. David Woodwell.
Mrs. David Woodwell.
Elizabeth Tilton.
Mary Henry.
April 13. Isaac Whitney.
John Osborn, Jr.
Mary Carvil.
20. Benjamin Eames.
Mehetible Eames.
Rebecca Wark, *ex.*
Aug. 3. James Wilson, *r.*
Mrs. James Wilson, *r.*
Thomas Cook, *d.*
Elizabeth Whitney.
Sept. 14. Ruth Moloon.
21. James Locke.
Dec. 28. Robert Wark, *d.*
1730. Feb. 8. John Haven, *d.*
Elias Haven, *d.*
15. James Montgomery, *ex.*
March 1. John Hambleton, *ex.*
April 12. Theophilus Phillips.
Alice Phillips.
Hannah Jones.
Jonathan Burnap, *d.*
Mrs. Thomas Pierce, *r.*
June 7. Benjamin Burnap, Jr.
Mrs. A. Wadkins, Sr.
July 12. George Carvil.
Aug. 28. John Osborn, Sr.
Matthew Taft, *d.*
Adam Knox, *ex.*
Mrs. Adam Knox.
James Nut.

1730. Aug. 28. Mrs. James Nut.
30. Robert Barrett.
Mrs. Robert Barrett.
1731. Feb. 14. Israel Gibbs, *ex.*
Mary Gibbs, *ex.*
April 4. Israel Walker, *ex.*
Paul Langdon, 2d.
June 6. Sarah, wife of Tobias, negro.
Sept. 10. Nathaniel Smith, *r.*
Elizabeth Smith, *r.*
Richard Smith, *r.*
Hannah Smith, *r.*
Oct. 24. Daniel Millens.
Dec. 5. Mary Claflin, *r. d.*
1732. Feb. 13. Lydia Jeffords, *r. d.*
March 26. Jedidiah Haven.
Mrs. Jedidiah Haven, *d.*
Mark Whitney, *d.*
April 2. Jabez Dodge, *r.*
Benjamin Carvil, Jr.
Mrs. Benj. Carvil, Jr.
Mrs. Robert Lennet, *ex.*
July 2. Caleb Bridges, *d.*
Mrs. Caleb Bridges, *d.*
Aug. 26. Mrs. Jabez Potter, *d.*
Oct. 1. James Mellen.
Richard Mellen.
Nov. 5. Sarah Pratt, *d.*
Dec. 14. Andrew Wadkins.
1733. Jan. 7. Nathaniel Merriam, *d.*
10. Edward Goddard, *r.*
Thomas Mellen, *r.*
Benjamin Whitney, *r.*
Simon Mellen, *r.*
Richard Haven, *r.*
Simon Goddard, *r.*
Feb. 18. David Burnap.
April 29. Sarah Burnap, *r.*
Mary Cody.
June 24. Hannah Walker.
July 1. Thomas Cody.
Aug. 19. Joseph Collar.
Mrs Theoph. Phillips.
Mrs. Sam. Wadkins, Jr.
Elizabeth Gould, *r.*
26. David Foster.
Sept. 16. Catherine Morris.
Oct. 14. Mrs. Thomas Bixby.
Dec. 30. John Quarles, *r.*
Mrs. John Quarles, *r.*
1734. April 7. Samuel Clemens.
21. Lydia Gibbs.
Sarah Burnap.
June 23. Daniel Claflin, Sr.
Mrs. Daniel Claflin.
Abigail Deland.
Sept. 1. John Walker.
Mrs. John Bowker.
1735. April 24. Mark Whitney.
Mrs. G. Walker.
May 4. Amariah Lyon.
Rachel Claflin.
June 22. Daniel Burnap.
July 6. Andrew Wadkins, Sr.

1735. July 6. John Hayden.
Mrs. John Hayden.
Sept. 7. Mrs. Andrew Wadkins.
21. Joshua Hemenway, *r.*
William Ballard, *r.*
Elkanah Haven, *r.*
Moses Haven, Jr., *r.*
Josh. Hemenway, Jr., *r.*
Nov. 2. Ebenezer Kemble, *r.*
Mrs. Eben'r Kemble, *r.*
1736. March 7. Daniel Bayley, *r.*
Mrs. Daniel Bayley, *r.*
April 25. Mrs. James Goodwin.
July 18. Joseph Bixby, Jr., *r.*
Oct. 31. Dorothy Burnap.
Martha Burnap.
1737. Jan. 2. John Smith.
Mrs. Benj. Goddard.
8. John Ball.
Mrs. John Ball.
March 6. Miriam Bayley.
May 29. Susannah Goddard, *r.*
Esther Mellen, *r.*
Abigail Mellen, *r.*
Susannah Drury, *r.*
Abigail Hemenway, *r.*
Susan'h Goddard, 2d, *r.*
Benjamin Goddard, *r.*
Ebenezer Bragg, *r.*
Edward Goddard, Jr., *r.*
Aug. 7. Edmund Hayden.
Hannah Cody.
Oct. 10. Jason Walker.
Elizabeth Mellen.
Sarah Hayden.
29. Ebenezer Goddard.
Nov. 30. Mary Burnap, *d.*
Dec. 5. Ann Russell.
1738. April 2. Joseph Haven, Jr.
Elizabeth Walker, *r.*
July 30. Martha Carvil.
Sept. 24. Nathaniel Pike.
Oct. 1. Joseph Wadkins.
1739. Jan. 1. Widow Crooks.
Feb. 4. George Stimpson, *r.*
Mrs. Geo. Stimpson, *r.*
Charles Stimpson, *r.*
Mrs. Chas. Stimpson, *r.*
25. Mrs. Peter Barnes.
March 3. Daniel Jeffords.
18. Hannah Bixby, *r.*
Oct. 7. Sybil Goddard.
1740. Feb. 16. Mrs. Abner Bixby.
March 28. John Crooks.
Mrs. John Crooks.
May 18. Abigail Eastman.
Aug. 27. Ebenezer Kemble.
Nov. 16. Mary Barrett.
Dec. 7. Benjamin Wood, *d.*
1741. Feb. 1. Mary Nut.
April 5. Ebenezer Claflin.
John Nut.
Ruth Knowlton.
May 3. Susannah Claflin.
10. Mrs. Abijah Stone.

1741. May 24. Elizabeth Claflin.
June 7. Mary Stacy, *d.*
July 26. Hannah Burnap, *r.*
Aug. 2. Edward Goddard.
Oct. 4. Ruth Carril.
Nov. 22. John Taylor, Jr.
Jackee, a negro.
John Haven.
Isaac Haven.
Lois Haven, *d.*
Mary Millens.
Martha Gibbs.
Mary Wadkins.
29. Cato, a negro.
Dec. 7. John Chamberlain.
Thomas Wood, *d.*
Mrs. Thomas Wood.
Hester Plaisted.
Stephen Stimpson.
27. Ann Osborn.
1742. Jan. 16. Eldad Atwood.
24. Gideon Rider.
Samuel Giles.
Richard Kemble.
31. Elizabeth Locke, Jr., *d.*
Feb. 7. Nathaniel Smith, Jr.
Eleazer Rider.
28. Benjamin Carril, Sr.
April 4. Mrs. Daniel Tombs.
May 16. Edmund Bowker.
June 6. Thomas Freeland.
Mary Ballard.
Oct. 19. William Ballard.
1743. March 6. Elizabeth Wyman.
April 3. John Bowker.
John Rockwood.
Joseph Osborn, *d.*
Timothy Pike, *d.*
June 5. Peter Barnes.
Mary Bowker.
Oct. 13. James Freeland, Sr., *r.*
Mrs. James Freeland, *r.*
1744. March 26. Samuel Woodell.
1745. Nov. 24. Samuel Trail, *r.*
1746. Oct. 19. Margaret Atwood, *r.*
Nov. 30. Mary Morris.
1747. April 5. Thomas Mellen.
May 3. John Boyd, *d.*
Mrs. John Boyd, *d.*
Aug. 30. Daniel Stone, *r. d.*
Mrs. Daniel Stone, *r. d.*
1748. Jan. 31. Hannah Gaskett, *d.*
June 5. Jacob Chamberlain.
19. Huldah Gould.
Elizabeth Amory.
26. Lydia Chamberlain.
Sept. 11. Joseph Cody.
1749. Sept. 24. Sarah Crooks.
1750. Feb. 4. William Thompson.
Apr. 15. Elizabeth Tilton, *r.*
May 6. Jere'h Burnham, *r. d.*
Mrs. J. Burnham, *r. d.*
John Gould.
Mrs. John Gould.
July 1. Jerusha Burnap.

1750. Dec. 16. Josiah Walker.
1752. April 5. George Stimpson, Jr.
Mrs. George Stimpson.
June 21. James Wark, *r.*
1755. June 15. John Wilson, *r.*
29. Margaret Chamberlain.
Nov. 16. John Clark.
Mrs. John Clark.
1756. Feb. 1. Martha Butler.
May 27. Mrs. Elias Parmenter.
July 4. Isaac Loring, *r.*
25. Jonathan Carril.
Mrs. Jonathan Carril.
1757. Jan. 16. Joseph Hayden.
1758. Feb. 5. Elias Hayden, *d.*
April 16. Timothy Townsend, *r.*
Mrs. T. Townsend, *r.*
Sept. 3. John Boyd, Jr., *d.*
Oct. 1. Mrs. Samuel Barrett, *r.*
Nov. 5. Thomas Walker, Jr.
19. Mrs. E. Chamberlain.
26. John Chamberlain.
1759. May 27. Mary Tilton.
Sept. 2. Elizabeth Morris.
1760. April 5. Mrs. Jacob Gibbs, Jr.
Aug. 17. Noah Violas, *d.*
1761. April 26. John Abbee.
Nov. 8. Isaac Cody.
Mrs. Isaac Cody.
Nov. 29. Mrs. John Nut.
Dec. 6. Jacob Gibbs, Jr.
1762. April 4. Mrs. Joseph Mellen.
May 31. Joseph Mellen.
Aug. 1. Mary Wood.
Oct. 3. Benjamin Walker, *d.*
Nov. 28. Elizabeth Goodhue.
1763. April 3. Mary Walker.
July 24. Lois Bixby.
1765. Feb. 24. Elizabeth Gibson.
May 12. Mrs. Roger Dench.
June 30. Lydia Hayden.
Aug. 18. Lydia Hall.
1766. Jan. 26. Elizabeth Jones.
1767. June 7. Susannah Howe.
1769. April 30. Anna Burnap, *d.*
July 30. Sarah Walker.
Oct. 1. Abigail Haven.
1770. Feb. 11. Hannah Burnap.
July 15. Hannah Walker.
Sarah Smith.
Sept. 23. Mary Haven.
Oct. 7. Jenette Osborn, *d.*
1771. Oct. 28. Martha Walker.
1772. July 5. Mary Walker.
Mrs. Robert Cook, *ex.*
Hugh Hambleton, *ex.*
Mrs. H. Hambleton, *ex.*
Walter Steward, *ex.*
Mrs. W. Steward, *ex.*
Mrs. J. S. M'gomery, *ex.*
Mary Hambleton, *ex.*
Mrs. Thomas Cook, *d.*
Mrs. Paul Langdon, *d.*
Tabitha Whitney, *d.*
Martha Dunlope, *d.*

1773. May 6. Abraham Tilton, *ex.*
Sept. 19. Phineas Howe.
Oct. 3. Faith Jenkinson.
31. Abigail Chamberlain.
13. Lois Chamberlain.
1774. April 3. Hannah Fitch.
Aug. 7. Mary Claflin.
1775. July 28. Martha Haven.
Nov. 26. Nathan Perry.
Lydia Perry.
1776. April 7. Barachias Morse.
Sept. 1. *Sarah McFarland.
15. *Asa Norcross.
*Elizabeth Norcross.
Oct. 27. Unice Whitney.
1777. Mar. 9. *Lois Walker.
April 13. John Mawney, *ex.*
*Mary Ann Mawney.
June 15. *Elizabeth Gibson.
1778. June 28. Solomon Walker, *ex.*
1781. June 3. Jeremy Stimpson, *ex.*
*Nancy Stimpson.
July 8. *Isaac Burnap.
*Beulah Burnap.
Sept. 16. *Elizabeth Mellen.
*Josiah Burnham.
*Ann Burnham.
Nov. 11. *Nabby Stimpson.
1782. Sept. 1. *Hannah Read, *r.*
1783. April 3. *Sybil Butler, *r.*
June 29. *Samuel Walker.
*Susannah Walker.
1784. Aug. 22. *Abigail Norcross.
1786. Jan. 15. Stephen Kinsman, *d.*
Mrs. S. Kinsman, *d.*
1787. June 10. Lydia Jones, *d.*
1789. Nov. 29. *Anne Hiscock.
Dec. 24. *Joseph Walker.
*Sarah Walker.
1790. Jan. 14. *Elihu Pond, *d.*
*Jemima Pond, *d.*
*Joseph Richards, *d.*
*Rhoda Richards, *d.*
April 19. *Mrs. John Kelley.
1791. April 19. *Polly Divine.
Mar. 27. *Hannah Fitch.
*Anne Fitch.
May 22. *John Fitch, *d.*
Oct. 2. *Jere'h Littlefield, *r.*
5. *Rev. Nath'l Howe, *r.*
1792. Jan. 15. *Elisha Morse, *d.*
*Patty Morse, *d.*
Oct. 7. *Martha Stimpson.
1793. June 9. *Keziah Goddard, *r.*
Dec. 14. *Elizabeth Littlefield.
1794. Jan. 5. *Priscilla Loring, *r.*
19. *Abigail Daniels, *r. d.*
1795. Aug. 2. John Jones, 3d, *d.*
Nov. 29. *Martha Haven.
1796. May 22. *Anna H. Eames.
June 26. Ruth Wheaton, *d.*
July 5. Anna Tidd, *r. d.*
1797. May 28. *Abel Fiske.
1798. Mar. 25. *Benjamin Pond.
*Catherine Pond, *r.*

1798. Nov. 26. *Lois Burnap.
1799. Nov. 10. *Margery Gibson, *d.*
Dec. 1. *Joel Morse, *r.*
*Abigail Morse, *r.*
1800. April 6. *Moses Chamberlain.
Sept. 7. *Asa Adams.
*Elizabeth Adams.
1801. June 3. *Esther Walker, *r.*
June 7. *Jesse Lovering, *r.*
Aug. 23. *Jonas Pierce, *r.*
1802. Jan. 24. *Samuel Walker, *d.*
April 4. Elizabeth Freeland, *r.*
*Richard Barrett, *r.*
July 18. *Lydia Lovering.
Oct. 3. *Lydia Prentice, *r.*
Nov. 28. *Betsey Howe.
1803. June 5. *Anna Eames.
Sept. 25. *Ruth Burnham.
Oct. 2. *Nathaniel Loring.
1804. May 27. *Polly Ellis, *r.*
Alexander Bragg, *r. d.*
Nov. 11. *Olive Howe.
1805. Oct. 6. *Anna Freeland.
20. *Betsey Gibbs.
1806. May 11. *Benjamin Adams.
June 29. *Benjamin Proctor, *d.*
1807. April 5. Eliz. Dudley (Walker).
1808. Feb. 7. *John Briggs, *d.*
*Betsey Briggs, *d.*
June 5. *Betsey Fitch, *d.*
1810. Mar. 4. *Rev. Dan'l Loring, *r. d.*
*Mary Loring.
June 10. *Hannah Perkins.
Aug. 26. Triphena Gibson.
Oct. 21. Ruth Cozzens, *d.*
Nov. 11. *Isaac Haven.
25. *Esther Holmes, *r.*
1811. Jan. 22. *Patience Bowker.
Feb. 17. *James Freeland.
*Polly Daniels.
Nov. 17. *Polly Walker, *d.*
Dec. 1. *Jerusha Howe, *d.*
Nancy Richards, *d.*
15. *Ethan Bowker, *d.*
29. Rhoda Chamberlain, *d.*
*Sophia Walker.
*James Bowker.
*Samuel Morse, 2d.
*Winthrop Morse, *d.*
1812. Jan. 5. *Hetty Lovering, *d.*
April 5. *Charlotte North, *d.*
*Sally Cody.
May 24. *Betsey Dudley.
June 7. *Nathaniel Parker, *ex.*
21. Sally Pike, *d.*
28. *Sarah Phipps.
July 19. *Elijah Fitch.
Sept. 20. *Mary Fitch.
Oct. 25. *Ann Dench.
Nov. 8. *John Cody, 2d.
Abigail Cody, *d.*
Dec. 6. *Hannah Dickman, *d.*
27. *Hannah Butler, *d.*
1813. Mar. 7. *Charlotte Bowker, *d.*
1814. June 5. *John Cody, *r. d.*
1814. Sept. 4. *Emily Reed.
Oct. 30. *Eliza Howe.
1815. Dec. 3. *Rebecca Knowlton, *d.*
1816. Aug. 18. *Elizabeth Pike, *r. d.*
1817. Dec. 21. *Sally Chamberlain, *d.*
1818. Jan. 11. *M. J. Howe (Russell) *d.*
Sept. 20. *Henry Morse, *r.*
*Polly Morse, *d.*
Nov. 22. *Josiah Burnham.
1819. Feb. 28. *Charity Thompson.
1820. Sept. 17. *Martha Jones.
Patty Eames.
Oct. 29. *Elizabeth Valentine, *r.*
1821. May 13. Joseph Richards, *r. d.*
July 22. *Eliz. Walker (Cobb), *d.*
Aug. 5. *Azubah Flagg.
Oct. 21. *Mary Prentiss.
*Abigail Pool.
Dec. 2. *Elisha Haven, *d.*
1822. Dec. 8. Merriam Greenwood, *d.*
1823. Feb. 2. Emma Work, *ex.*
June 1. *Irene Ellis (Gates), *d.*
*Julia Ellis (Eames).
Aug. 3. Catharine M. Freeland.
Emily Fitch (Baker), *d.*
Lovett Morse, *d.*
Gilman Morse, *d.*
Oct. 5. *Abigail Parker.
*Margaret Pond.
*Isanna Bowker.
April 6. *Catherine Morse.
1825. Jan. 30. Betsey Guy.
May 22. *Lucy Howe, *d.*
29. *Sally Haven, *r.*
1826. Jan. 15. *Nancy Richards, *r. d.*
22. Benjamin Pike, *r. d.*
Feb. 12. *Abigail Ellis, *r. d.*
April 2. Elizabeth C. Newton, *d.*
1827. April 29. *Olive Hayward.
May 6. Betsey Richards, *d.*
Aug. 5. *Mehetible Woolson.
Sept. 30. *Nathan Woolson.
1829. Jan. 18. Lucy B. Ellis, *r. d.*
May 10. *Lydia Gibson.
Isaac V. Adams, *d.*
June 7. *Samuel Crooks.
*Emeline Crooks.
Sept. 13. *Sally Crooks.
Oct. 25. *Asenath Haven, *d.*
Nov. 22. *Polly Pond.
1830. Jan. 17. *John Gibson.
June 6. Adaline Johnson, *d.*
Sept. 14. *Rev. A. A. Phelps, *r. d.*
Dec. 5. *Betsey Walker.
Cynthia Adams, *d.*
1830. Dec. 5. Louisa Pettis.
Mary P. Guy.
1831. Feb. 6. *Betsey Pond.
*John C. Pond, *d.*
April 3. John A. Fitch.
*Mary Ann Fitch.
*Fanny V. Fitch.
Elizabeth J. Fitch.
*James H. Fitch, *d.*
*Sally Haven, *d.*

1831. April 3. Elizabeth J. Guy, *d.*
Lucy C. Herrick, *d.*
*Ann A. Jones.
*Lorinda Pond, *d.*
May 8. *Aaron Ordway, *r. d.*
June 5. Mary Ann Hill, *r. d.*
Eliz. L. Rockwood, *d.*
Pamelia Eames, *d.*
Fanny Eames, *d.*
Aug. 7. *Mary Jones.
*Lois P. Hayden.
*Pamelia Smith, *d.*
*Julia A. Hayward, *d.*
Oct. 2. *Susan Hayward.
Elisha Tucker.
*Nathaniel Loring.
*Millicent Loring.
*Hannah Jones.
David Pratt, *d.*
Harriet Valentine, *d.*
Sarah Ann Adams, *d.*
*John Claflin, *d.*
John M. Guy, *ex.*
Dec. 11. *Albert Claflin.
Ann M. Claflin.
Eda Claflin.
*Phineas Freeland.
*Sally Freeland.
Elizabeth Pierce.
Lucinda Jennings.
*Catherine Littlefield.
*Mary Jones.
*Austin Hayward.
*Caroline Hayward.
*Sarah S. Haven.
Mary E. Gibson.
*Fanny H. Valentine.
Isanna Gammage, *d.*
*Catherine Ordway, *d.*
Leander Richards, *ex.*
Albert W. Andrews, *d.*
*Jesse Eames.
Nathaniel H. Fitch.
*Ambr. Chamberlain, *d.*
*Clarendon Loring.
Eben. D. Richards, *ex.*
*Gilman Ball.

1832. Jan. 22. *Jonas Woodward, *r.*
*Sarah Woodward.
Feb. 5. Charles Seaver, *ex.*
Martha H. Wood.
*Lydia Burnap.
*Sally Cutter.
*Harriet N. Pettis, *d.*
*Betsey Freeland.
*Nancy Moore.
Joseph V. Newton, *d.*
Fidelia Loring, *d.*
*Phebe Dickman.
Martha Walker, *d.*
*Martha Valentine.
*Adaline Valentine.
Mary Claflin.
*William F. Fitch, *d.*
Eliza Fitch, *d.*

1832. Feb. 5. Daniel Eames, *d.*
*Nathan F. Rockwood.
*Thomas Beaton.
Hiram C. Daniels, *d.*
Isaac B. Valentine, *d.*
*Samuel Long, *d.*
*Lovett Walker.
*William Adams.
June 3. Mercy G. Adams.
Susan U. Loring.
*Ezra Rockwood.
Aug. 5. *Mercy Johnson.
*Julia Adams, *d.*
*Aaron Weston, *d.*
1833. June 2. *Lydia Bixby.
*Polly Phipps.
*Joanna Adams.
*Emily Miller, *d.*
5. Rev. Jeffries Hall, *r. d.*
1834. Feb. 2. Moses L. Buck, *r. d.*
*Maria P. Buck, *d.*
June 1. Abigail Tryon, *r. d.*
April 6. *Mary Haven, *r.*
Aug. 3. *Eunice Proctor, *r.*
Oct. 5. William Seaver, *r. d.*
*Sarah Seaver, *r. d.*
*Sarah F. Hall, *r. d.*
Mary Fairbanks, *d.*
*Emily Perry, *d.*
1835. April 5. *Polly Gassett.
Almira Adams.
June 7. Lavinia Burnett, *r. d.*
1836. June 5. Lucy Monroe, *r. d.*
Dec. 4. Ezra B. Rockwood, *d.*
Betsey Merrit.
1837. June 4. *Nancy Goulding, *d.*
Ruth Pike.
1838. March 31. *Hannah Walker.
1839. Feb. 20. Rev. J. C. Webster, *r. d.*
*Rebecca G. Webster, *r.*
June 2. *Chloe B. Wales.
*Caroline Proctor, *d.*
Sarah B. Guy.
July 28. *Deborah Morse, *r.*
*Esther M. Rockwood, *d.*
*Sally Jones.
Augusta Parker, *d.*
Oct. 6. Eliz. D. Champney, *r. d.*
*Lucretia A. Loring, *r.*
*Hannah W. Bixby.
Dec. 1. *Sarah Vose.
1840. June 7. *Hannah P. Sawyer, *r.*
*Sally Bowker.
Dec. 6. Miriam R. Valentine.
*Lydia Brigham.
1841. Feb. 7. M. L. Buck, *r.*
*M. P. Buck, *r.*
Oct. 4. *Ann S. Vose.
*Mary B. Davenport, *d.*
1842. Feb. 6. Artemas C. Putnam.
*Ira Pierce.
*Silas Moore.
David G. Colburn, *ex.*
Wm. H. H. Loring.
Willard Bemis.

1842. Feb. 6. *Mehetibel Walker.
Joseph Walker, Jr., *d.*
Sophia P. Walker, *d.*
John Spear, *r. d.*
*Eliza Ann Spear, *r.*
Daniel B. Washburn, *d.*
Sally Washburn, *d.*
James H. King.
Nancy King.
*Betsey Fitch.
*Mary Valentine.
*Harriet J. Pratt.
Deborah Pierce.
*Eliza Sawyer.
Jerusha C. Morse, *d.*
*Catherine S. Morse, *d.*
*Catherine J. Freeland.
Susan Isabella Guy.
*Emily J. Guy.
*Eveline D. Bowker, *d.*
Betsey Brigham.
Mary Ann Eames, *d.*
Candace M. Pike.
Sarah Parker, *d.*
April 3. Martyn Pike, *d.*
Nathan S. Coburn, *ex.*
John S. Crooks.
Samuel Crooks, Jr.
Charles H. Fitch, *d.*
Dexter Brown, *d.*
Fisher Hemenway.
Ebenezer Hemenway.
*William Valentine.
Jere. M. Campbell, *ex.*
*Henry J. Hubbard.
*Dexter L. Maybry.
Mary G. Maybry.
Lowell B. Maybry.
Susan L. Maybry.
Sarah L. Maybry.
*Aaron Adams.
*Joanna R. Adams.
Milton Claflin.
*Abigail Claflin.
Alicia Hayward.
Maria Thurston.
*Ann Elizabeth Reed.
*Mary Prentiss.
Nellopee Prentiss, *d.*
June 5. *Samuel D. Davenport.
*Mary S. Davenport, *d.*
*Abigail K. Davenport.
Olivia Rockwood.
Lucretia B. Rockwood.
Lowell Claflin.
Earlpercy D. Coffee, *ex.*
Hannah Dunham, *r.*
Aug. 7. Henry W. Lathrop, *d.*
Caroline Taft.
Charlotte Rockwood.
Oct. 2. Deborah Stone, *r. d.*
Ann M. Valentine, *ex.*
Dec. 4. *James Adams.
*Lucinda Coburn.
1843. Feb. 5. *Russell Burnap.

1843. April 2. James Ormes, *d.*
Rhoda S. Ormes, *d.*
Steadman W. Howe, *ex.*
Aug. 6. Cornelia C. Benedict, *d.*
Dec. 3. *Lydia Mirick, *r.*
Polly J. Claflin, *r.*
1844. Feb. 4. *Mary M. Morse, *r. d.*
June 2. *Polly Clapp, *r. d.*
Mary A. Paynter, *d.*
*Ann B. Scammel.
1845. June 1. *Oaks P. Brown, *d.*
Eliza L. Brown, *r. d.*
Aug. 3. Samuel B. Forbes, *r. d.*
Mary L. Parker, *r.*
*Marietta Parnell, *d.*
1846. Dec. 6. *Daniel Foster, *r. d.*
*Alexander Stone, *r.*
Selina L. Stone, *r. d.*
1847. Feb. 7. Porter Brown, *d.*
March 17. L. L. Scammel, *r. d.*
Aug. 1. *Sarah Greenwood, *r.*
James Long, *r.*
Martha Long, *r.*
Ann S. Hutchins, *r. d.*
Dec. 5. Daniel J. Poor, *r. d.*
Susan T. Poor, *r. d.*
Susan Sawyer.
1848. Jan. 23. Eliz. R. Webster, *r. d.*
Aug. 6. Abijah Ellis, *d.*
Susan M. Ellis, *d.*
*Mercy Smith.
Mrs. Dexter Brown, *d.*
1849. Feb. 4. *Mary Loring, *d.*
Aug. 5. *Dexter Rockwood, *r. d.*
*Mrs. D. Rockwood, *r. d.*
*Albert Rockwood.
Mrs. Thos. Barber, *r.*
1850. May 5. Adaline Underwood, *d.*
July 7. Emily Baker, *r.*
*Sarah Adams.
1851. June 22. *Alfred Greenwood.
July 13. Joseph Knox, *r. d.*
*Ann M. Ober, *r.*
Susannah Hinkley, *d.*
*Deborah McFarland.
*Hannah Bridges.
Hannah T. Bridges.
1852. March 7. N. Parker Coburn, *d.*
B. W. McDonnough, *d.*
May 11. Daniel Eames, *r.*
*Julia Eames, *r.*
A. J. Wakefield, *r. d.*
Cath. A. Wakefield, *r. d.*
July 4. Sarah A. Phipps, *d.*
Sarah E. Pratt, *d.*
Francis E. Ellis.
Sept. 5. John C. Adams, *d.*
Horace Frail, *ex.*
*Edward P. Fitch.
Andrew J. Sawyer.
*Edward Whittemore.
Lewis Fairbank.
Hannah Adams, *d.*
Sarah J. Claflin, *d.*
Maria Claflin.

1852. Sept. 5. Ellen M. Ball.
Mary F. Hemenway.
Mary F. Baker.
Nov. 6. Luther Jones, *d.*
1853. Jan. 2. James S. Tileston, *r. d.*
Emily Tileston, *r. d.*
Almira Buck, *d.*
Minerva Wales, *d.*
Elisha Frail.
July 3. Sarah F. Haven, *r.*
Sally E. Perry, *d.*
1854. March 5. *Jesse Merrill, *r.*
*Ann M. Merrill, *r.*
*Clarendon Loring, *r.*
Mary Loring, *r. d.*
1855. April 29. Amelia Osborne, *r.*
Lavinia Warren, *r.*
Marietta W. Hubbard, *r.*
Mary A. Mansfield, *r. d.*
Mary E. Putnam.
F. Albertine Davenport.
*Maria E. Bixby.
* Sarah F. Fairbanks.
Sarah J. Frail.
Ann Rebecca Claflin, *ex.*
Sabrina Adams, *d.*
*Willard J. Putnam.
1856. May 4. Jane Newton, *r.*
James Leighton, *r. d.*
Annie Leighton, *r.*
1857. Jan. 4. Annie M. Crooks.
*Lucy A. Wilson.
May 3. Albert Andrews, *ex.*
*Cynthia M. Andrews.
July 1. Dexter Brown, *r.*
Mary Brown, *r. d.*
Sept. 6. Josephine Adams, *d.*
*Ellen Wood.
1858. May 2. *Abel Greenwood.
July 4. *Otis Walker.
*Hannah Walker.
Harriet Lucas.
Alfred W. Valentine, *d.*
George Adams, *d.*
*Ellen A. Adams.
Sept. 5. Erastus Thompson.
*Cath. W. Thompson.
John L. Pingree.
William N. Wilson.
Barton Blake, *d.*
Ophelia Blake, *d.*
1859. Jan. 2. Ellen Bemis.
1860. May 6. *Benjamin E. Pierce, *r.*
*Louisa Pierce, *r.*
*Mary E. Pierce, *r.*
1861. May 5. John A. French.
Julia Eames.
July 7. John C. Adams.
1862. Jan. 5. Lydia A. Bridges, *r.*
July 6. Mary A. Fiske, *r.*
Mary A. Haven.
David Cutler.
Mary A. Cutler.
1863. May 3. Sampson Bridges.
Mary J. Pingree.

1863. July 5. Moses Harriman, *r. d.*
Han'h Harriman, *r. d.*
Sept. 6. Harriet B. Phipps, *r.*
Nov. 1. Alexander Kilgore, *r.*
Nancy Kilgore, *r.*
Charles Ball.
1865. Jan. 1. Alice M. Stewart, *r.*
Maria Eames, *r.*
1866. Jan. 7. Rev. J. Boardman, *r. d.*
*Mima A. Boardman, *r.*
*A. M. Rockwood, *r.*
March 4. Edwin D. Thompson.
Eveline Johnson.
May 6. Harriet Minturn, *d.*
Philena M. Tower.
Sarah J. Baker, *d.*
Olive J. Grout, *d.*
Elizabeth Kilgore.
Jennie D. Kilgore.
John P. Crooks.
S. Stearns Crooks, *d.*
Susan L. Phipps.
Sarah M. Winship.
Sarah J. Wakefield.
Martha T. Forbush, *d.*
Delia A. Adams.
Emma A. Tucker.
Caroline A. Whittemore, *d.*
Helen A. Loring, *d.*
Ellen M. Brown.
June 14. Mary M. Fay, *r. d.*
July 1. William E. Minturn, *d.*
Elijah Winship.
Joseph Washburn.
Hannah A. Washburn.
Lucy A. Fitch.
Sept. 2. Martha H. Burnham.
1867. Jan. 6. *J. C. W. Freeland.
March 3. Mary E. Wood.
Harriet N. Stone, *r. d.*
May 5. Henry W. Pierce, *r.*
Mary A. Pierce, *r.*
Sept. 1. Emma F. Pierce.
Nov. 3. Alvan A. Sweet.
George S. Gibson.
Edson L. Claflin.
Austin E. Mathews.
Elijah Fitch.
George W. Graves.
Sophia I. Woodbury.
Mira R. Claflin.
Celia A. Coburn.
Marion E. Sweet.
*Eliza A. Ruggles.
Betsey Bryant.
Mary A. Comey.
Louisa Frail.
Ella T. Fay.
Alice Hemenway.
Ella F. Tileston, *d.*
Ella Warren.
Sarah J. Loring, *d.*
Elizabeth C Nason.
Daniel J. Coburn, *r.*

1867. Nov. 3. R. Franklin Claflin, *r.*
Benjamin B. Fay, *r. d.*
Edward S. Nason, *r.*
Cassandra J. Nason, *r.*
Helen A. Taft, *r.*
1868. Jan. 5. Aratus Comey.
Anna L. Comey.
Mary J. Lucas, *d.*
July 5. Lucy A. Williams.
*Zina Underwood.
James H. Palmer, *r.*
Sabrina Palmer, *r.*
Sept. 6. Harriet N. Claflin.
Sarah E. Adams.
Nov. 1. Charles W. Claflin.
1870. July 3. J. David Stewart.
Sept. 4. Victoria Smith, *r.*
Nov. 6. Albert G. Brewer, *r.*
Emma L. Brewer.
1871. Jan. 1. Albert D. Sanderson.
Abbie F. Eastman.
Catherine Wise, *d.*
*Mary A. Buck, *r.*
Susan I. Claflin, *r.*
March 5. Ellen M. Judd.
Emma M. Phipps.
Harriet B. Hyde, *r.*
May 7. Rev. Geo. H. Ide, *r. d.*
*Mary J. Ide, *r.*
Charles W. Phipps.
Alice S. Phipps, *r.*
Annette E. Stacey.
John M. Stewart.
July 2. Ellen S. Thompson.
Mary E. Hayden, *d.*
Caroline A. Whittemore, *r.*
Sept. 3. Sarah A. Meserve, *r.*
Nov. 5. Lucinda Stearns, *r.*
1872. May 5. Olive J. Crooks, *r.*
*Louisa Claflin.
July 7. Ann F. Tillinghast.
Nov. 3. Benj. F. Parsons, *r.*
Leonora F. Parsons, *r.*
Helen M. Hubbard, *r. d.*
Mary G. Bartlett, *r.*
1873. March 2. Isaac B. Valentine, *r.*
Elizabeth J. Valentine, *r.*
May 4. Harriet Bridges, *r.*
Edward Turner, *r. d.*
Ruth A. Turner, *r. d.*
Nov. 2. John B. Balfour, *r. d.*
Elizabeth A. Balfour, *r. d.*
Lucius L. Scammel, *r.*
Edgar M. Caswell.
1874. March 1. Emma A. Haven.
Emma J. Mathews.
Jennie L. Crooks.
Mary Nesbit, *r.*
Margaret Buck, *r.*
Frederick Day, *r.*
Maria C. Day, *r.*
May 3. Charles W. Morse, *r.*

1874. May 3. Annie G. Morse, *r.*
Hattie A. Townsend, *d.*
Annie R. Sweet.
July 5. Henry Adams.
Freddy W. Pierce.
*Florence I. Crooks.
Mary V. Claflin.
Helen S. Scammel.
Nov. 1. Dora F. Brown.
Frank W. Morse.
*Emily M. Morse, *r.*
1876. Jan. 2. Nellie M. Hubbard.
Nellie E. Adams.
Josephine A. Dennis.
March 5. Ida S. Fairbank.
Lizzie M. Fairbank.
Ella Pierce.
Emily E. Pierce.
Betsey B. Baily.
May 7. Frank G. Stearns.
George E. Stewart.
July 2. Betsey G. Pierce.
Mary E. Frail.
Sept. 3. John C. Ackerman.
*Benjamin Dutton, *r.*
Sarah Dutton, *r. d.*
1877. March 4. James M. Leighton.
Ernest L. Frail.
Annie E. Leighton.
Georgiana A. Rockwood.
Mary A. Crooks.
May 6. Charles R. Burnap.
Mary F. Morrill.
Eugene L. Warren.
Harriet S. Warren.
July 2. John D. Wood.
Mildred W. Wood.
Charles M. Morse.
Ida F. Morse.
George S. Albee.
Wm. Alex. Macmillan.
Richard H. Pierce.
Alanson B. Stearns.
Eliza A. Phipps.
Georgianna White.
Emeline S. Phipps.
*Henrietta F. Valentine.
Francis A. Safford.
Lizzie H. Whittemore.
Nettie L. Fairbank.
Samina F. Long.
Florence L. Burpee.
Chas. C. Goldsmith, *r. d.*
*M. Jalena Goldsmith, *r.*
Mary Macmillan, *r.*
Sept. 2. George S. Buck.
1878. Jan. 6. Lillie V. Ladd.
Julia E. Ladd.
March 3. Louisa D. Ricker, *r.*
May 5. *Catherine Schrade, *r.*
Polly S. Ball, *r.*
July 7. Eliza W. Jenks, *r.*
Abbie F. Jenks, *r.*
Abbie L. Haven.

1878. Sept.	1. Amy T. Bridges.	1879. July	6. Susan E. Rockwood.
	Lillian W. Bridges.		Rosa S. Walker.
	Axie C. Palmer.		Jennie Lincoln, *r.*
1879. July	6. Levi R. Haven.	1880. July	4. Julietta Loring.
	Charles T. Haven.		George F. Adams.
	Charles Rockwood.		Izannah B. Adams.
	John L. Bixby.		Carrie A. Keith.

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MALE.

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Sampson Bridges,
Charles Ball,
Albert G. Brewer,
Charles R. Burnap,
George S. Buck,
John L. Bixby,
Lowell Claflin,
Milton Claflin,
Samuel Crooks,
John S. Crooks,
David Cutler,
John P. Crooks,
Edson L. Claflin,
Daniel J. Coburn,
R. Franklin Claflin,
Aratus Comey,
Charles W. Claflin,
Edgar M. Caswell,
Frederick Day,
Daniel Eames,
John A. Fitch,
Nathaniel H. Fitch,
Lewis Fairbank,
Elisha Frail,
John A. French,
Elijah Fitch,
Ernest L. Frail,
George S. Gibson,
George W. Graves,
Fisher Hemenway,
Levi R. Haven,
Charles T. Haven,
James H. King,
Alexander Kilgore,
James Long,
James M. Leighton,
Lowell Maybry,
Austin E. Mathews,
Charles W. Morse,
Frank W. Morse,
Charles M. Morse,
Wm. Alex. Macmillan,
Edward S. Nason,
Artemas C. Putnam,
John L. Pingree,
Henry W. Pierce,
James H. Palmer,
Charles W. Phipps,
Benjamin F. Parsons,
Freddy W. Pierce,
Richard H. Pierce,
Charles Rockwood,
Andrew J. Sawyer,
Alvan A. Sweet,
J. David Stewart,
Albert D. Sanderson,
John M. Stewart,
Lucius L. Scammel,
Frank G. Stearns,
George E. Stewart,
Alanson B. Stearns,
Erastus Thompson,
Edwin D. Thompson,
Isaac B. Valentine,
William N. Wilson,
Elijah Winship,
Joseph Washburn,
Eugene L. Warren,
John D. Wood.

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Izannah B. Adams,
Ellen M. Ball,
Betsey Barber,
Emily Baker,
Hannah T. Bridges,
Mary F. Baker,
Charlotte R. Bemis,
Ellen Bemis,
Lydia A. Bridges,

Ellen M. Brown,
Martha H. Burnham,
Betsey Bryant,
Emma L. Brewer,
Mary G. Bartlett,
Harriet Bridges,
Margaret Buck,
Dora F. Brown,
Betsey B. Baily,
Florence L. Burpee,
Polly S. Ball,
Amy T. Bridges,
Lillian W. Bridges,
Polly J. Claflin,
Ann M. Claflin,
Maria Claflin,
Sarah B. Crooks,
Sarah L. Claflin,
Annie M. Crooks,
Mary A. Cutler,
Mira R. Claflin,
Celia A. Coburn,
Mary A. Comey,
Anna L. Comey,
Harriet N. Claflin,
Susan I. Claflin,
Olive J. Crooks,
Jennie L. Crooks,
Mary V. Claflin,
Mary A. Crooks,
F. Albertine Davenport,
Hannah Dunham,
Maria C. Day,
Josephine A. Dennis,
Julia Eames,
Maria Eames,
Abbie F. Eastman,
Catherine M. Freeland,
Sarah J. Frail,
Mary A. Fiske,
Lucy A. Fitch,
Louisa Frail,
Ella T. Fay,
Ida S. Fairbank,
Lizzie M. Fairbank,
Mary E. Frail,
Nettie L. Fairbank,
Polly Gassett,
Tryphena Gibson,
Sarah F. Haven,
Eliz. J. Hemenway,
Mary F. Hemenway,
Marietta W. Hubbard,
Susan S. Harrington,
Mary A. Haven,
Alice Hemenway,
Harriet B. Hyde,
Emma A. Haven,
Nellie M. Hubbard,
Abbie L. Haven,
Eveline Johnson,
Ellen M. Judd,
Eliza W. Jenks,
Abbie F. Jenks,
Nancy Kilgore,

Elizabeth Kilgore,
Jennie D. Kilgore,
Carrie A. Keith,
Martha Long,
Annie Leighton,
Harriet Lucas,
Annie E. Leighton,
Samina F. Long,
Lillie V. Ladd,
Julia E. Ladd,
Jennie Lincoln,
Julietta Loring,
Mary G. Maybry,
Susan L. Maybry,
Sophia P. Maybry,
Sarah A. Meserve,
Emma J. Mathews,
Annie G. Morse,
Mary F. Morrill,
Ida F. Morse,
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